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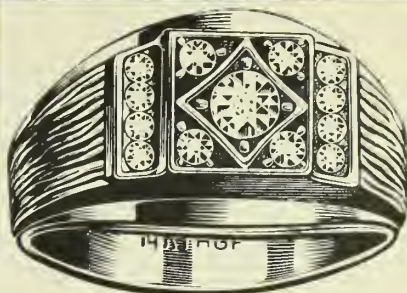
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"Chemical Warfare: Rethinking The Unthinkable" was written by Jerome

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## Commander's Message

# Confidence To Succeed



Michael J. Kogutek

This month, on July 4th, we Americans pause to reflect upon our proud heritage and the sustained achievements of the American people. And it is right that we should do this, but we should guard against limiting the celebration of our accomplishments to just one day. In these uncertain times, we should take time daily to ensure that our commitment to the time-tested principles upon which we were founded—trust in God, liberty and justice for all—are not forgotten.

Fourth of July celebrations always remind me that Americans have a marked tendency to march forward with drums beating, bugles blaring and flags unfurled. We love a celebration; we love a parade; we love a noble calling. Once aroused, I believe Americans can do anything. Each time we have been faced with an overwhelming problem some among us have asked, doubting: "Does America have the will and the resources to overcome it?" Each time, despite the cynics and doubters, Americans have answered with action and have succeeded.

Today, as a nation, we face many problems, but the greatest of these is our lack of confidence that we can solve them. This lack is not universal, but it is widespread.

During the past year, I have visited every part of the nation and I have seen thousands of Americans

who are still deeply committed to the bedrock principles upon which our republic was founded. They are confident, they are optimistic and they have faith in our system.

In every group, however, I've also seen too many people who have begun to view us through doom-colored glasses; too many who see only impending disaster; too many who have lost sight of our strengths because they have let themselves become overwrought by our shortcomings. Unfortunately, bad news makes news, so the bad about us is often emphasized while the good is seldom given voice. Well, it's about time that the good was also told and we, America's veterans, are certainly the ones who can and should do it.

Make no mistake about it, America faces awesome problems: rampant, uncontrolled, worldwide inflation; political and military unrest in many areas of the world which adversely affects our import of vital raw materials; domestic unemployment; bigotry and racial unrest; energy shortages; and the menace of ever-increasing Soviet military might and intervention—directly and by proxy—into the internal affairs of sovereign nations.

It is important that we keep these problems in view, for only then can they be put into proper perspective. We must be aware of the obstacles we face so that we will not become guilty of false optimism, of viewing the world through rose-colored glasses, but, we should not dwell on them to the exclusion of all else. Rather, we should make certain that our strengths, which are many and varied, are also realized. On the balance, America's assets far outweigh her liabilities and we should, therefore, not lose sight of what's good about America.

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45-54	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	7,680	6,720	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
65-69	4,800	4,200	3,600	3,000	2,400	1,800	1,200	600
70-74*	3,168	2,772	2,376	1,980	1,584	1,188	792	396
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<b>Prorated Premium†</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$10</b>

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Permanent Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Name of Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Example: Print "Helen Louise Jones." Not "Mrs. H. L. Jones"

Membership Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I apply for the number of units indicated: ☐

The following representations shall form a basis for the Insurance Company's approval or rejection of this enrollment: Answer all questions.

1. Present occupation? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you now actively working?  
Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, give reason \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you been confined in a hospital within the last year? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give date, length of stay and cause \_\_\_\_\_
3. During the last five years, have you had heart disease, circulatory disease, kidney disease, liver disease, lung disease, diabetes, or cancer, or have you had or received treatment or medication for high blood pressure or alcoholism? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give details \_\_\_\_\_

I represent that to the best of my knowledge, all statements and answers recorded on this enrollment card are true and complete. I agree that this enrollment card shall be a part of any insurance granted upon it under the policy. I authorize any physician or other person who has attended or examined me, or who may attend or examine me, to disclose or to testify to any knowledge thus acquired.

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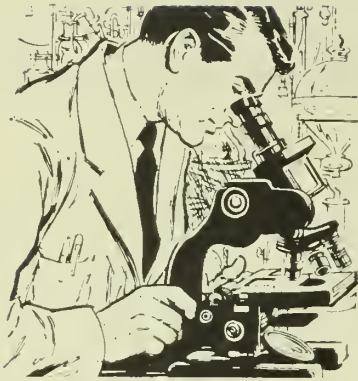
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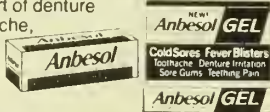
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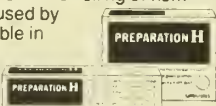
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# Letters

## Soviet Threat

• Every red-blooded American should read Ernest Cuneo's "Threat of War; Spoils of Victory" (April). Let us hope that our nation has the vision and strength to take positive measures against this threat of Soviet world domination.

MORRIS D. WEISMAN  
Tampa, FL

• Further to Ernest Cuneo's excellent article "Threat of War; Spoils of Victory," the free world must realize that Russia must have a constantly boiling crisis to keep millions of her citizens in military service. The remaining hundreds of millions are kept in robot-like economic slavery. If she can maintain this status quo without a hot war, through the success of her takeover strategies, she will win by Western default.

JOHN A. SANTORE  
Richmond Hill, NY

• Re: The very revealing article "Threat of War; Spoils of Victory," I am very upset and angry at Soviet maneuverings to gain world power. Should this situation lead us to conflict, we have won before and we will win again!

JOHN PRATT  
Wailuku, Maui, HI

## Heroes

• Thank you for giving us Al J. Stump's "Unknown Brigade of Civilian Heroes" (May). Reading this article sent shivers up our spines, like watching our ice hockey team beat the Russians against all odds or watching the *Columbia* land safely to mark the dawning of a new era in the space age. Those tales about everyday Americans bespoke the courage that might be found in all of us were we faced with similar choices. At least, we hope so.

HOWARD RYAN  
Alhambra, CA

• It is interesting to note that the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, featured in the excellent article "Un-

known Brigade of Heroes," was only one of many endowments by Scottish-born philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. He endowed 2,800 libraries in the U.S., built Carnegie Hall in New York, Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh (Technology), Carnegie Institution (Research) and the Pan-American Union, in Washington, DC. Also, he was a large benefactor of Tuskegee Institute, for educational advancement of black people. He summed up his charitable theory as "... it is the duty of the man of wealth to become a mere trustee for his less fortunate brethren".

JOSEPH B. MILGRIM  
Brooklyn, NY

## Trifles

• As collectors, we thoroughly enjoyed Phyllis Zauner's "Putting a Price Tag On Trifles" (May). It was a pleasure to read this change-of-pace article in our magazine. We look forward to more such pieces for collectors and hobbyists.

MRS. B. PAPRZYCKI  
Oaklyn, NJ

• Phyllis Zauner's human interest article "Putting a Price Tag on Trifles" was not only fascinating, but very practical. Looking about my home I have found several items of historic value that otherwise I would have overlooked.

R. L. CASH  
Wood River, IL

## Prayer in Schools

• There have been many top notch articles in The American Legion Magazine but the Commander's Message "Prayer in Public Schools" (April), is the best. I would like to see this one reproduced in every magazine in the United States. After our citizens have been exposed to the points emphasized by Commander Kogutek, perhaps Congress will get the message and act accordingly. May our Lord continue to bless you in your labor for God and Country.

JAMES A. STORY  
Morrowville, KS

• I am appalled at the confused thinking expressed by our Commander in his Message "Prayer in Public Schools." Nowhere does he address

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# The Lady On Liberty Island

There's a whole lot more to her than meets the eye

By Vernon Pizer

Anybody who knows Charles Deleo knows where he is early on this Fourth of July—in a cramped, hot, glass and steel aerie more than 300 feet above vessels crisscrossing New York Harbor just off the tip of Manhattan. Perched on the support beams within the torch atop the Statue of Liberty, he is assuring himself that nothing is amiss among the four powerful, sodium vapor lamps within the torch and that no dirt smudges the 200 glass panes that surround him.

Every Monday morning throughout the year Deleo makes the arduous climb to service the beacon that sheds such penetrating illumination, literally and figuratively. But on special days like the nation's birthday he makes an additional climb of the 171 muscle-straining, narrow steps corkscrewing up steeply within the Statue and of 54 rungs of the steel ladder leading through her upraised arm to the torch grasped in her giant hand. A man in whom commitment to country and to religion are deep-rooted, Charlie sees this extra climb as perfectly normal, even expectable. "After all," he says, "there isn't a better time to make sure everything is in perfect shape and there isn't a better place to offer a prayer for the well-being of the nation."

Although the lights are programmed for automatic turn on a half hour before sunset and for turn off a half hour after sunrise, Deleo climbed to the torch last January 20, at 12:30 p.m. to switch them on to celebrate release of the American hostages in Teheran and to offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

I spent three days on Liberty Island; one of the impressions I carried away is that there is a little of Charlie Deleo in all of the U.S. Park Service staff who minister to its needs. Looking up pensively at the



Statue, weathered to a soft green that is a pleasing foil against the sky background, Superintendent David L. Moffitt puts it this way, "There is a holiday spirit at other Park Service sites, a lighthearted air of relaxation and recreation. Here there is more an air of solemnity among visitors and staff alike. It is a conscious recognition that the Statue is a unique symbol, not only in this country but throughout the world, of mankind's highest and best aspirations."

However, it would be a mistake to assume that life on Liberty Island moves at a measured tread in an atmosphere of unrelieved gravity. The truth of the matter is that the island leads a double life. There is the public life, the one seen by the nearly two million tourists who arrive by ferry each year to spend an hour or two with the most famous Lady in the world. And there is the behind-the-scenes, private life that visitors rarely glimpse. I experienced both and found each fascinating, often surprising, never dull.

The first thing I learned is that Dave Moffitt and his staff are responsible not only for Liberty Island and The Lady—as the Park Service rangers fondly call her—but also for adjacent Ellis Island, once the gateway to America for more than 12 million immigrants with hope in their hearts and dreams in their heads. The two together comprise what is formally known as Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island National Monument. Though Ellis Island consists of only 27 acres, it is still more than twice the size of 10.8-acre Liberty Island. But while the smaller island thrives, the large one—its 56 years as America's major doorway having ended in 1924—is dormant, its handsome brick buildings decaying. Moffitt, short of funds and of staff, does what he can to reverse the ravages of time, but it is little more than a holding action. To restore Ellis Island completely would take \$77 million "and in this era of belt-tightening I don't see that kind of money coming out of Washington," he told me.

Ministering to the needs of The Lady is no simple, cut-and-dried task because she is no ordinary female. Weighing in at 450,000 pounds, her 1/8-inch thick copper skin supported

by an ingeniously engineered steel skeleton that foreshadowed the curtain-wall construction of modern skyscrapers, she stretches 151 feet from toes to torch-tip. When this colossal gift from France was officially dedicated by President

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**"There isn't a better place to offer a prayer for the well-being of the nation."**

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Cleveland in 1886, she was the tallest structure in New York City. Her index finger alone is 8 feet long, her waist 35 feet in diameter. She stands on an 89-foot high pedestal resting on a 65-foot foundation and together they constitute one of the world's

heaviest masonry constructions. An elevator carries visitors to the top of the pedestal where there are two museums—the American Museum of Immigration, and the smaller Museum of Liberty—and where the spiral climb up through the Statue commences for the adventurous.

The Park Service staff that cares for the complex is surprisingly small—only 35 year-round, augmented by some 75 temporaries in summer when nearly 300,000 visitors arrive on the busiest days. Dave Moffitt and four other rangers plus their families live on the island in compact houses whose nondescript architecture is compensated for by the unparalleled view from their windows. The others commute to the island from New York via the public ferry on its hourly 9-to-5 schedule or the Park Service workboat on its periodic 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. runs. Those who work on the island, and especially those who also live there, are keenly aware

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# Chemical Warfare:

# Rethinking



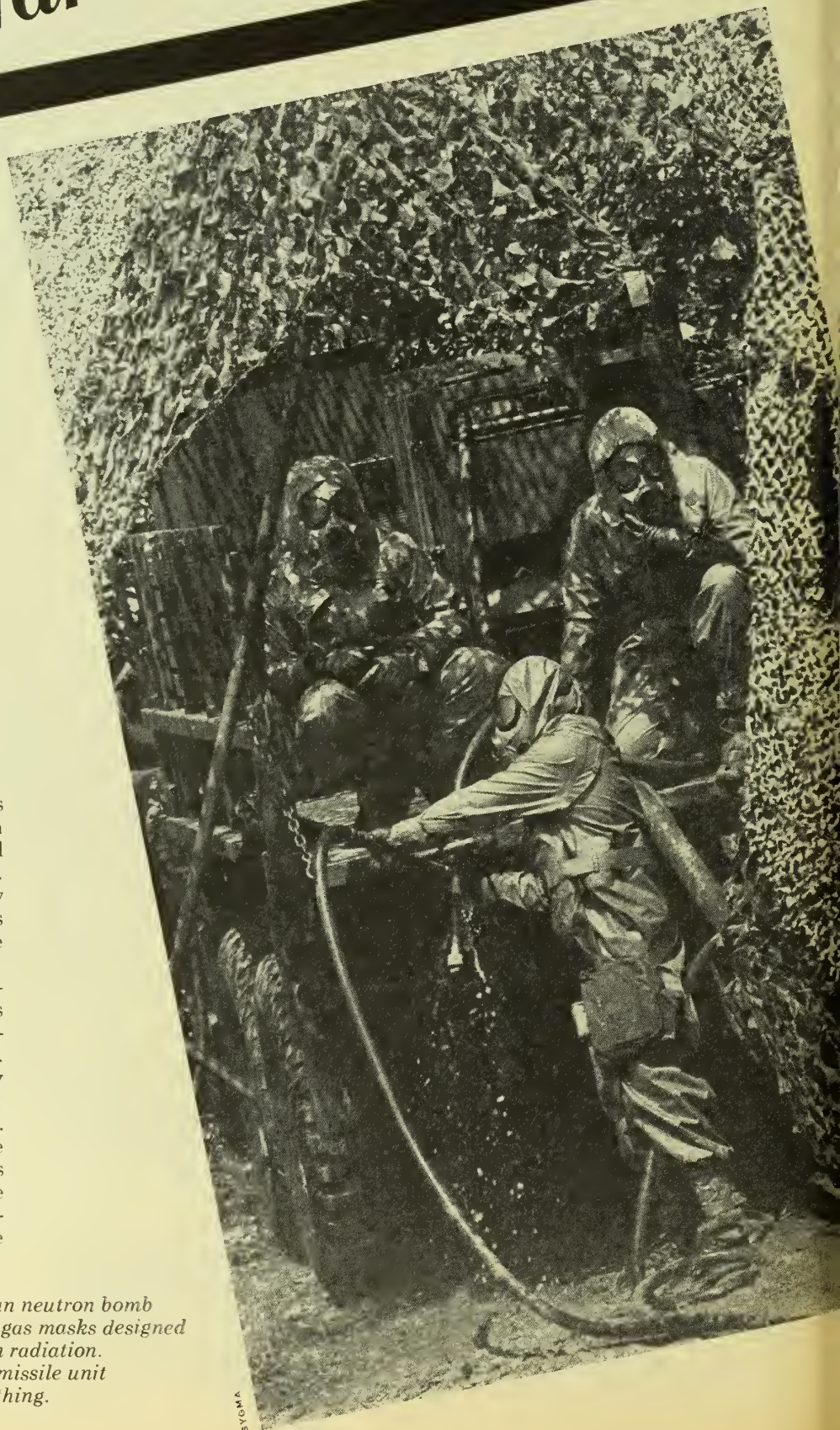
*Recent disclosures have made it necessary for the United States to reevaluate its position on NBC warfare*

**By Jerome Greer Chandler**

Somewhere in Soviet Russia there is a man named Vladamir Karpovich Pikalov. His rank is colonel general and he commands some 100,000 men. Small command for the rank? Pikalov wouldn't have it any other way. His troops form the cutting edge of the Red Army.

Pikalov is commander of the Soviet Union's NBC forces. NBC, letters familiar to all of us—letters we associate with entertainment, television. For military planners, however, they stand for something very different: Nuclear, Biological and Chemical. Should the United States and the Soviet Union ever fight a war, it is likely NBC weapons not only will be used (massively) but will also deliver the first, possibly decisive blows.

*A joint French, German and American neutron bomb and chemical team tests helmets and gas masks designed to protect against atomic and neutron radiation. (Far right) Soviet soldiers of an AA missile unit wear chemical warfare protective clothing.*





# g The Unthinkable

*"Gas! Gas! Quick boys—An ecstasy  
of fumbling,  
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in  
time,  
But someone still was yelling out  
and stumbling  
And flound'ring like a man in fire or  
lime.  
Dim through the misty panes and  
thick green light,  
As under a green sea, I see him  
drowning.  
In all my dreams before my help-  
less sight  
He plunges at me, guttering, chok-  
ing, drowning."*

Wilfred Owen

The horrors of chemical warfare are nothing new. Yet, real though they are, Vietnam era American strategists chose to wish them away. The choice was made not because chemical warfare was anachronistic, but because it had become unthinkable. After all, the German's lethal gas arsenal went unused during World War II. Popular wisdom has it that Hitler was frightened of possible American and British retaliation in kind. Retaliation? Absolutely, but not from the West. Hitler was terri-

fied of the only other living man who could match him in sheer creative barbarity: Joseph Stalin.

During World War I Russian gas casualties were enormous, surpassing those of all the other Allies. Nicholas II's Communist successors vowed that such chemical carnage would never again be inflicted upon Mother Russia. To that end, the Soviet Union built the world's largest, best-equipped and best-trained chemical force. Since the mid-1960s, the rate of growth in Soviet chemical capability has far outdistanced that of any other area of armament.

Numbers are important only in context and that's what makes things so scary. U.S. Army officials say we are now at a 20 to 1 disadvantage. If current plans materialize the margin will be cut to 10 to 1 by 1985. The price tag: \$1.5 to \$2 billion.

Part of the money will go for training. During the current year some \$705,000 will be spent at the Army's Chemical School at Fort McClellan, AL, to train chemical troops. Eight

weeks are needed to instruct a private in the intricacies of decontamination, protection and radiological monitoring. NCOs spend another six weeks at the facility. Eventually, the goal is to place at least one chemically trained NCO in each company in the Army. About 25 percent of them are staffed now, with combat units in Europe receiving first priority.


Lt. Col. Richard Guindon is Director of Training at the Chemical School. He uses a sports analogy to tell future Chemical Corps NCOs just what they're up against. "The United States' policy (vis-a-vis chemical weapons) is 'no first use.' If you take a boxing ring and put a Russian in one corner and an American in the other, the U.S. boxer is only allowed to defend himself. The Russian boxer probably equates to Muhammad Ali in his prime. The U.S. boxer is a sophomore or junior in high school, not more than 100 pounds, dancing around the ring, not knowing when the Russian is going to throw that

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The American Legion is  
returning to Hawaii for its  
63d National Convention—  
don't miss it!

# Return to Paradise

*The world-famous Waikiki beach on the southern shore of Oahu.*



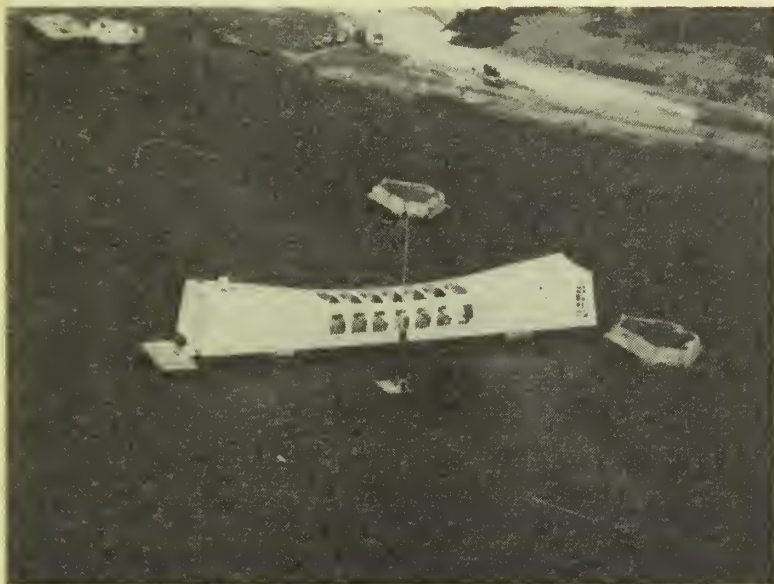
**By Grail S. Hanford**

A statue of Kamehameha I, Hawaii's hero who gained victory over contending island chieftains in 1810 to make Hawaii an independent kingdom, stands in front of the Judiciary Building on King Street in Honolulu. Dressed in warrior robes and head-dress, his arm raised in a gesture at once commanding and welcoming, Kamehameha encompasses the spirit of these volcanic islands.

Discovered by Capt. James Cook in 1778 and named the Sandwich Islands, the 20-island group (which originally included the Midway Islands) entered into the lively commercial trade common to the time and area, with sandalwood its chief trading commodity. Today, Hawaii is still a center of trade, with sugar and pineapple its major agricultural exports. Much of the state's great wealth, however, now comes from U.S. military defense expenditures and from tourism.

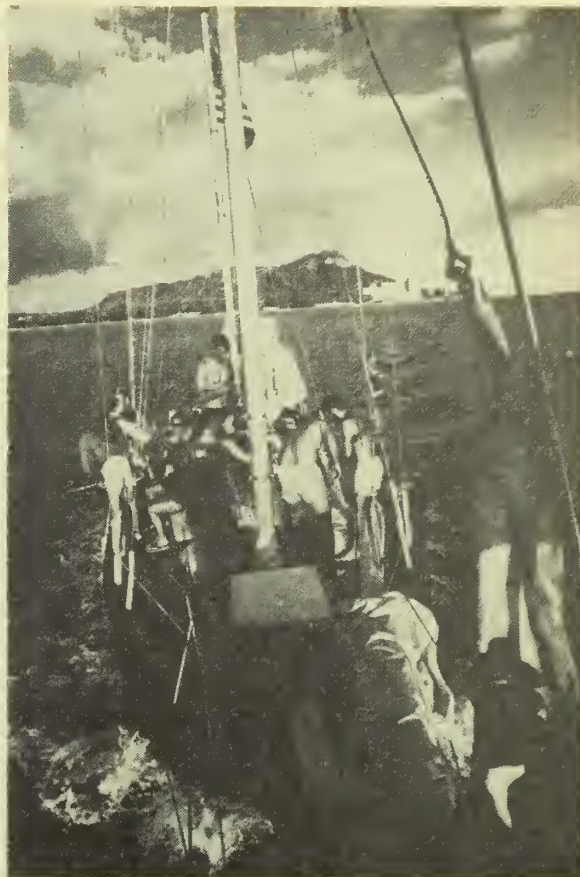
Today, some 965,000 permanent residents live on the six major inhab-





*An aerial view of the Arizona Memorial. Note the faint outline of the battleship on which the memorial rests.*

*A recommended way of spending a few leisurely afternoons, or the rest of your life.*



ited islands of Hawaii. Though Hawaii itself is the largest of the islands, Oahu is the one all visitors first visit because it is both the site of the capitol city of Honolulu and the island on which travelers land when arriving by air. Maui, Kauai, Molokai, Hawaii and Lanai are the other major islands.

Though each has its individual personality and varied topographical attractions, all are beautiful, verdant places surrounded by magnificent expanses of ocean; dots of land some 2,400 miles from coastal California and 3,400 miles from coastal Japan.

It is to this tropical setting that The American Legion will come for its 63d National Convention, August 28 through September 3. The Friday to Thursday meetings will be held in Honolulu. While the trip to the only state not located on continental North America will be a time for conducting Legion business, it also will be an occasion for holiday fun, good fellowship and exotic adventure.

Each island is well worth visiting, and island hopping by plane may

permit Legionnaires to do just that. If you must limit the number of islands you visit to one or two, you will still find Aloha spirit in abundance.

Legionnaires will gather in force at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, headquarters hotel for the convention. It fronts directly on renowned Waikiki Beach and is within view of

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**“ . . . an occasion for good fun, good fellowship and exotic adventure . . . ”**

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Diamond Head, Honolulu's famous natural landmark. The Commander's Dinner to Distinguished Guests, the National Convention Banquet, will be held in the hotel's Coral Ballroom, Tuesday, September 1, at 7:30 p.m. Additionally, the convention's three days of general sessions—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 1-3—will be held there, as will

the Patriotic Memorial Program on Sunday, August 30, at 11 a.m.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be headquartered in the beachfront Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, and will hold its festive States Dinner in the hotel's Hawaii Ballroom on Monday, August 31, at 8 p.m.

The Eight & Forty will gather at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel, close to the International Market Place, a Polynesian market with a tree house in a gigantic banyan tree, among other enticing attractions. The Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel will be headquarters hotel for the Sons of The American Legion, too, and they'll have their meetings on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1; and Steivos also will gather there.

The Musical Spectacular, so much a part of evening festivities at previous Legion conventions, will not be held this time due to the enormous expense of conveying these sensational musical groups across so many miles. The excitement and color of the Legion's very popular parade,

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Non-invasive  
diagnostic  
techniques are  
taking the fear out of  
physical examinations  
and exploratory  
procedures

*The ultimate in non-invasive diagnostic equipment, this Computerized Tomography (CT) machine is beginning its impersonal examination. (Right) Patient emerges from CT after a quick and painless examination.*



# Diagnosis At A Distance

By Walter Froehlich

Forty-seven-year-old Cliffmar Deremp was fear-stricken. His physician had told him that "we will have to take a good look deep inside your body" because Deremp had been complaining about aches and other symptoms in recent weeks.

In his rambling imagination, Deremp pictured himself amid disquieting circumstances: the smell of anesthetics; a surgeon, scalpel in hand, cutting into his chest and abdomen seeking the cause of his symptoms; his awakening to pain; anxiety for his family; devastating hospital and doctor bills; lost days from his business; and

weakness and disability during recovery.

Until the mid-1970s, this unsettling scenario might well have played itself out exactly as Deremp envisioned. Today, in the 1980s, what really happened to Deremp was quite different from his gloomy expectations.

Deremp's physician arranged an appointment for him with a specialist in a nearby hospital. There, the "good look deep inside" was finished in less than 30 minutes, and Deremp was on his way back to work.

Deremp never undressed during the examination except to take off his jacket and tie. He removed his tie clip, keys, pocket knife and other metal objects from his clothing. Neither the specialist nor anyone else in the



hospital ever touched Deremp except to shake his hand in greeting.

Deremp (a fictitious name) is one of millions who have benefited from "non-invasive diagnosis"—methods of exploring the human body's interior without physical intrusion: no skin-piercing needles, no humiliating poking into body openings with cold metal instruments, no life-endangering exploratory surgery.

In some of these methods—as happened with Deremp—it is not even necessary to touch the patient. The examinations are done by various forms of "remote sensing." This means observations are made from a distance somewhat the way radar locates planes and ships. Many of these non-invasive examinations provide physicians with more complete information than do conventional methods.

Deremp stretched out on a couch and buckled himself to it. He relaxed while the couch, resting on a movable metal arm, withdrew into the tunnel-like recess of a machine used for a procedure called "Computerized Tomography" or CT. Several series of x-rays, each series requiring only a few seconds, were beamed onto Deremp from hundreds of different angles.

A computer connected to the machine automatically assembled and arranged each series of x-ray images in such ways that the projected views showed Deremp's internal organs in cross section. They appeared on a screen as if they had been cut into thin layers. These views allowed the specialist to inspect the inside of each organ, slice by slice in minute detail, for any abnormalities.

This CT procedure is one of a variety of sophisticated new technologies which have radically changed the field of diagnostic medicine. The new machines and methods can detect subtle chemical and physical abnormalities which were formerly difficult or impossible to discover. As one expert said: "These new technologies make the invisible seeable and the unknowable known."

## Sound Pictures

Even while Deremp was undergoing his CT examination, a young woman in another part of the same hospital was intently watching silhouette-like shadow pictures on a small screen. The woman, an expectant mother, was seeing the living fetus inside her own womb. Her unborn child was being "photographed" by inaudible sound.

The sound waves, far above the range of human hearing, were propagated by an ultrasonic device aimed at the woman's abdomen. As the echoes bounced back and were caught by a receiver, the device converted the re-

turning waves into "sound pictures" which in some machines can even be made to appear in color, revealing the shape, texture and other properties of targeted objects.

Similar to sonar devices which detect submerged submarines, medical ultrasound can show moving body organs at work, such as the opening and closing of a heart valve. As far as researchers can determine, ultrasound is safe and particularly suitable for checking on the health of fetuses.

## Heat Pictures

Diseased cells, such as cancerous growths, are usually warmer than normal cells. One reason is they are more "active"—they grow faster than normal cells. Another reason is cancerous growths usually contain fewer blood vessels and, thus, cannot cool themselves through blood circulation as readily as normal body structures.

If these temperature differences are on or near the body surface they can be observed by infrared cameras, or "thermographs," positioned near the skin. The outlines of the temperature gradients can be shown on paper or on a screen. The resulting "thermograms" usually do not contain sufficient information for a diagnosis, but they help pinpoint trouble spots.

In some of the new techniques the heat observations can be made by merely pointing a microphone-like, hand-held probe at the patient. Unlike x-rays and ultrasound, thermography has no emissions of any kind and,

therefore, cannot possibly be hazardous. Thermographs merely perceive and record infrared (heat) radiations emanating from the body.

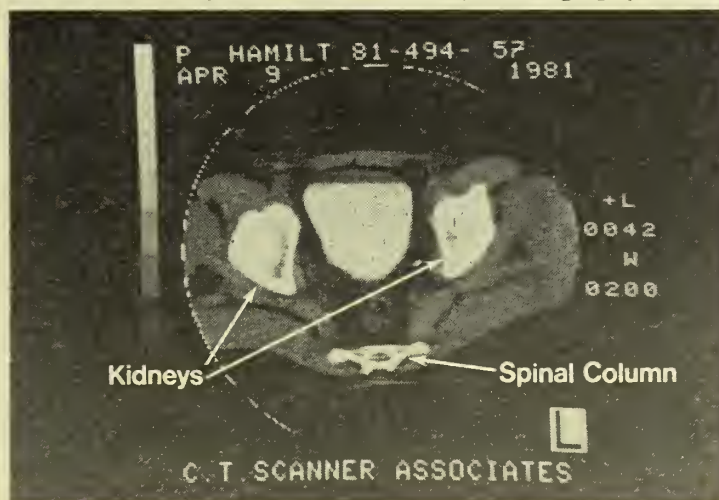
## Magnetic Pictures

The knowledge that living organisms possess certain magnetic properties has recently been turned to use in non-invasive diagnosis. This ingenious, almost incredible technique creates what could be called tiny radio stations inside the body. These broadcast reports to listening receivers in the outside

world about what is going on in the sub-universe of the living cell.


The technique, known as "Nuclear Magnetic Resonance" (NMR), works like this: every cell of the human body contains relatively large quantities of water and each water molecule contains hydrogen. Each hydrogen atom has at its center a nucleus which acts like a tiny magnet. Some 25 years ago, physicists discovered that when a hydrogen atom is placed in a strong magnetic field and a pulse of energetic radiowaves is aimed at the atom, its nucleus gives off a radio signal of its own. Researchers have discovered that each signal contains

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*A CT readout provides valuable data to physicians without causing the patient any pain or discomfort.*





# *The All-American Clambake*

By Tom Hoge

*Imagine the aroma of fish fillets mingling with clam broth, sausage, lobster and chicken—now read on*

Whether it is a family affair on the patio or a seaside cookout for hundreds of guests, all clambakes have one thing in common: their origin is about as American as you can get. The delightful custom began several centuries ago, according to one story still circulating in New England, when a Pilgrim Father strolling along a lonely stretch of shore stumbled upon a group of Indians clustered about a mound of sizzling rocks covered with steaming seaweed—a method of cooking which hasn't changed for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years. Fortunately for our forebear, the red

men were friendly and invited him to dine on what turned out to be steamed clams, sweet potatoes and corn on the cob.

The food was so delicious that our sated settler staggered home and told his fellow colonists that he had just paid a visit to Heaven. Thus the American clambake was born. The Pilgrims soon added their own touches, such as fish fillets, chicken, sausage and, eventually, lobsters, which were at first regarded with alarm when they crawled up on the beach waving their claws.





Over the years, the clambake has grown from cozy get-togethers to giant community affairs like the 93-year-old classic held each summer in Dartmouth, MA, for more than 600 people. The Rhode Island bake-master who presided over community cookouts for half a century before finally retiring estimated that he had processed nine million quarts of clams and nobody knows how many bushels of potatoes, ears of corn and tubs of butter. The bake has become so popular among tourists that some shorefront communities feature commercial outings where you can order up a cookout on a few hours notice.

Bakes held in various regions differ in many ways, such as the type of clams used. Most New Englanders, for example, shun any type but the softshell *Mya Arenaria* which abounds in tidewater flats north of Cape Code, while most New Yorkers prefer the hard-shelled quahog or *Venus Mercenaria*. Some New Englanders refuse to this day to include lobster in the bake, while in Maryland they serve their native blue crabs instead of lobster.

The main difference, however, lies in the baking process. New Englanders are fiercely loyal to the pit method in which a deep trench is dug, the bottom lined with rocks heated white hot and covered alter-

nately with layers of rockweed and food. New York's Long Island bustles with bakes every year, but, since rockweed is virtually nonexistent in that area, a giant pot is used. It is hoisted onto an iron stand, a few inches of water poured in and then filled with up to 300 pounds of food in the usual layers while a great wood fire blazes beneath the pot. Finally, for the small backyard bakes, wooden sugar barrels are used with hot rocks at the bottom.

For all these bakes, the order in which the food is layered varies. Sometimes the clams are placed at the bottom of the pile and sometimes on top since they will then come off first and should head up the feast.

In a pit bake, the bakemaster and his lieutenants dig a large trench, usually in the sand and build a blazing fire in the center. As the fire builds heat, dozens of rocks are thrown into the blaze. According to an account of a bake held for generations in Wickford, RI, under the sponsorship of one family, the routine was as follows.

After the stones become white hot—wet ones are never used because they could explode when heated—the wood embers are quickly raked off and the rocks covered with six to eight inches of rockweed. As one New Englander notes, rockweed is covered with tiny, water-filled blisters and when heated turns the

bake into a natural pressure cooker.

On top of the first layer of rockweed, the crew put chicken halves wrapped in cheesecloth (as were the other ingredients). After another layer of rockweed came the sausages and frankfurters, then other layers of rockweed followed by potatoes and corn. Then came the fish fillets, lobsters and clams, in that order. Finally, a layer of rockweed was spread over the food and over that was fastened a big square of canvas.

Most bakemasters allow about two hours for the food to cook. Then they peek under the canvas and pluck out a piping hot clam. If done properly, the shellfish should be tender and permeated with the mixed aroma of rockweed and the sea itself. At many of the larger bakes, guests are sustained while waiting for the contents of pit or pot with a few cherrystone clams on the half shell and a bowl of hot chowder.

(Incidentally, clam chowder has long been the subject of controversy among seafood buffs. New Englanders insist that the only edible variety is their own rich, creamed soup filled with clams. New Yorkers and their neighbors stick to Manhattan chowder, a clear broth studded with clams, tomatoes, green peppers and carrots.)

In preparing for the bake itself, the skin of the chicken halves should be browned crisp before being put on the bed of rockweed. Fish fillets should be wrapped in foil; lobsters, of course, must be cleaned. Pierce or cut the potatoes to prevent them from bursting under the heat. When preparing the corn remove the silk, but be careful to leave the husk intact. Finally, the clams should be well scrubbed and soaked in seawater,

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# Dateline Washington

## U.S. Embassies Seek Fair Treatment

Our embassies abroad have long complained that the United States handles foreign embassies in Washington much more liberally than our own missions abroad are treated by the host governments. The current Congress aims to give the State Department authority to enforce even-handed treatment.

For example, in some countries, like the Soviet Union, the United States is barred from purchasing office or residential space; and all administrative support services—staff housing, utilities or even theater tickets—must be obtained through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Some of the Persian Gulf states, in effect, force the U.S. diplomatic staff to pay exorbitant short-term lease charges for their housing. Venezuela won't permit our staff to buy residential space in the capital city. The United States has no such restrictions.

Under terms of legislation introduced in the Senate, the U.S. will demand reciprocity of treatment for our diplomats, to eliminate discriminatory treatment and, incidentally, to reduce U.S. costs abroad.

## Senate Moves To Curb Gang Violence

A bloc of solons, led by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), has introduced legislation to extend federal jurisdiction over gangster crimes in an effort to curb the spread of mob takeovers of legitimate businesses.

The Organized Crime Act of 1981, among other provisions, would bring the FBI into violent crimes, such as contract killings or murder for hire, and increase penalties against brutal mobsters.

According to Senator Nunn, hearings before a Senate subcommittee disclosed that "thousands of murders over the past decade were mob related," and that organized crime engages in savage types of intimidation. The legislation, its sponsors say, would serve to bolster the government's fight against violent crime "which has become one of our most serious and alarming domestic problems.

## Proposal: Let's Make English Official

Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-CA) has proposed a constitutional amendment to make English the official language of the United States.

The former professor of semantics and son of Japanese immigrants says that while a common language can unify a society, separate languages can fracture a society. In his view, the American "melting pot" has succeeded in creating a new culture among many different peoples in the U.S. largely because of the widespread use of the English language.

The senator's legislation will abolish requirements for bilingual election materials and limit bilingual programs in schools to teaching English. Senator Hayakawa says his plan will not prohibit schools from offering foreign languages and it will allow federal and state governments to provide multilingual signs where necessary for public safety and convenience.

The senator says those who have mastered English have overcome the major hurdle to full participation in our system of government.

## PEOPLE & QUOTES

**Death Is Not Life's Tragedy**—"Whether I've made the most of what I've learned, I doubt, but I know now that no one really knows enough to be a pessimist. And that the tragedy of life is not death, but what dies inside us while we live." **Norman Cousins**, editor and writer.

**Old Ways Challenged**—"The idea that's been established over the last 10 years, that almost every service that someone might need in life ought to be provided, financed by the government as a matter of basic right, is wrong. We challenge that. We reject that notion."

**David A. Stockman**, director, Office of Management and Budget.

**Education Demands Are Changing**—"Demand for education is actually going up, not down. What is going down, and fairly fast, is demand for traditional education in traditional schools." **Peter F. Drucker**, professor, Claremont Graduate School.

**Meeting Soviet Threat**—"The Soviet military buildup is causing tension, instability and insecurity everywhere. In the Far East, Soviet moves are a threat to peace in Asia. I believe it's essential that the nations of the Free World, with the United States as the central power, band together and solidify their collaboration to meet this Soviet buildup. We recognize that peace and world order rest on the balance of power." **Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki**, Japan.

**CIA-FBI: Separate But Equal**—"The White House is absolutely opposed to the CIA becoming involved in domestic spying. We are not going to put the CIA into domestic espionage or the FBI into foreign intelligence." **Edwin Meese III**, Presidential adviser.

**Not So Dumb**—"Let my enemies point out the dumb things I did; why should I make it easy for them?" **Mayor Ed Koch**, NY.

**Kremlin Still Respects U.S. Power**—"There is still a healthy respect for U.S. power in the Kremlin. Our military is still credible; it can still deter aggression. In any fight the Russians have with us, they still want it to be indirect. That might not always be the case. The danger is that in the future it won't be." **Sen. John Tower** (R-TX).

**Economic Controls Counterproductive**—"A lot of people seem to feel that various forms of economic controls would be a good thing. The only trouble is, there is no evidence whatsoever to suggest that such controls work. In fact, the evidence—everything we've seen in the past, whether it's wage and price controls or incomes policies—is that these policies do not work. And worse, they usually have a counterproductive effect that isn't intended." **Martin Anderson**, Presidential asst. for policy development.

**Free World's Umbilical Cord**—"The umbilical cord of the industrialized free world runs through the Strait of Hormuz into the Arabian Gulf and the nations which surround it. That area . . . is and will be the fulcrum of contention for the foreseeable future. The Soviet Union will almost certainly become a net energy importer. This, coupled with their economic necessity for eventual access to the Gulf oil basin, is their long-range objective of denying access to oil by the West." **Sec'y of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger**.



# Letters

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himself to the problem of the pressure of conformity on young and easily influenced children. Prayer has no more place in public schools than algebra has in Sunday school.

JOHN H. MARKS  
Milwaukee, WI

• My message to Commander Kogut's "Prayer in Public Schools" (April) is "cool it." My children and grandchildren were taught to pray and thank God for life and all that is good. Calling for "just a little innocent praying" is like calling for "just a little innocent politicking" or "just a little innocent cup of wine." It could start a dangerous practice with a little innocent taste of eventual deep trouble. Our children have endless opportunities to pray in their daily lives. They do not need schools or government buildings as church substitutes. America has plenty of empty churches and temples! Our Commander should spend his time encouraging all Legionnaires to fill those churches instead of causing more agony in the schools over separation of church and state.

WALTER J. KLEIN  
Charlotte, NC

## Medical Controversy

• Vernon Pizer, author of "The Medication Controversy" (April), refers to our founder, Cecile Hoffman, as a cancer victim who, "was convinced right up until her death that Laetrile had saved her life". Mrs. Hoffman began Laetrile treatment when told she had only a few months to live. Weighing 70 pounds, she spent most of her time in bed or in a wheelchair in severe pain. After taking Laetrile in conjunction with nutritional supplements, she made a steady gain in weight and energy, and felt so well that she initiated our organization, The International Association of Cancer Victors and Friends. The most remarkable part of the story is that Mrs. Hoffman lived for almost eight years to full capacity, energy and in remission. Many thousands of cancer sufferers will testify to like numbers of years of added life and health through the alternative therapies that Mr. Pizer condemns.

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Playa del Rey, CA



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# Big Issues

Should Congress

## Set Guidelines For The Federal Reserve?



Rep. Byron L.  
Dorgan  
(D-ND)

**Yes.** Imagine a football team with two signal callers. It wouldn't work, and it doesn't work in economic policy either. That is why I think the Federal Reserve Board should be more accountable to Congress and the American people.

The Federal Reserve Board is one of the most powerful regulatory agencies in Washington, controlling fully one-half our nation's economic policy—its monetary policy. The

Fed, which is dominated by big-city bankers, determines how much money is in circulation, and to a large extent, how high interest rates will be.

The President and Congress have little say in the matter. They can develop an economic game plan, only to see it undercut by the bankers at the Fed.

This system isn't working. During the last year or so, the Fed's high interest rate policies have broken the backs of the housing and auto industries, and pushed savings and loan associations close to insolvency. Farmers are paying 45 percent more interest charges than they were a year ago, and they can't afford it.

The Fed says that 18 percent-plus interest rates will tame inflation, but that is nonsense. When you increase the cost of credit, you increase the cost of producing goods and services. That means higher prices. Trying to tame inflation with high interest rates is like trying to diet on hot fudge sundaes.

We are told that big-city bankers, and economists sympathetic to them, are the only ones sufficiently intelligent to deal with matters as weighty as monetary policy. This is a myth. Interest rates are no more complicated than taxes, foreign trade, and a dozen other matters that Congress deals with every day.

It is also a myth that a Fed dominated by bankers is "independent" and wonderfully removed from politics. Would we call a Department of Energy controlled by major oil companies an "independent" energy department? I don't think so. We don't have an independent Fed. We have instead a regulatory agency that can set our money supply, manipulate interest rates, and undercut the economic policies of the President and Congress without being accountable to anyone.

That's the last thing Congress intended when it drafted the original Federal Reserve Act in 1913. President Woodrow Wilson, who signed the Federal Reserve Act said: *"The control of the system of banking and of (issuing money) must be public, not private . . . so that the banks may be the instruments, not the masters of individual initiative and enterprise."*

Interest rates are not just bankers' business. They are the people's business, and the elected representatives of the people should have something to say about them.

Our country needs a coordinated fiscal and monetary strategy, and I believe the Federal Reserve Board should be made more accountable to either the President or the Congress.



Rep. J. William  
Stanton  
(R-OH)

**No.** The Federal Reserve System is the creation and child of Congress. Since 1913 the Federal Reserve has been entrusted to ensure that money and credit growth over the long run is sufficient to provide a rising standard of living for everyone.

At issue here is not whether Congress should set guidelines for the Federal Reserve—in fact, it has established responsible guidelines in

the past. For example, the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, better known as the Humphrey-Hawkins Act, requires the Federal Reserve to inform the Congress regularly of its policy goals. The reporting procedures and semiannual hearings required by this legislation ensure a continuous dialogue between the Federal Reserve and the Congress.

The real question underlying this issue is to what extent are we willing to curb further the independence of the Federal Reserve? Former Chairman Arthur Burns once observed: ". . . Congress has not only protected the Federal Reserve System from the influence of the executive branch; it also has seen fit to give the system a good deal of protection from transitory political pressures emanating from Congress itself." The Federal Reserve should function independently of political considerations no matter how well intentioned. In this regard I was pleased to hear the President reaffirm the independence of the Federal Reserve in his economic message of February 18.

Legislative cries for reducing the Federal Reserve's freedom are heard at times when inflation is running at an excessive rate and, consequently, interest rates are high. Bills specifying the proper monetary targets, granting Congress the authority to remove the Federal Reserve Chairman, abolishing the Federal Open Market Committee, or imposing ceilings on interest rates offered by creditors are manifestations of these concerns.

Those who would set stricter guidelines for the Federal Reserve in reality are calling upon it to allocate credit. While it may be fine in theory to have the Federal Reserve arbitrarily and artificially decide who gets how much credit for whatever purposes, this process breaks down in practice as we witnessed most recently when it attempted to impose selective credit controls last year. Would those who call for the "productive," supposedly noninflationary use of credit for capital formation deny "nonproductive" installment credit to consumers who want to purchase new automobiles?

When inflation and interest rates are high, the Federal Reserve is the most visible target for attacks. What is needed is *not* a policy of shackling the Federal Reserve. If we are serious about fighting inflation and lowering interest rates, then we must have fiscal and monetary policies which are mutually reinforcing. We must cut spending and balance the budget so the Federal Reserve can conduct monetary policy properly.



# Small Connecticut Firm's New Golf Ball Flies Too Far; Banned by U.S.G.A.

## GOLFERS LOVE IT

"No more par 5's?"

NORWALK, CT.—All golf balls are not created equal. At least not any more. A small Connecticut company has introduced a controversial new ball it guarantees will out-distance all legal balls, including Hogan, Top Flight, Maxfli and Titleist. The new ball is so "hot" it threatens to pull the rug on par, as we know it, and that might have the United States Golf Association worried.

For thirty-eight years the U.S.G.A. has strictly enforced the rule that a golf ball may not exceed a velocity of 250 feet-per-second off the club head. Without this and other restrictions, high-powered super balls would soon outmode most golf courses. Par fives could disappear, and even an average player could regularly blast 300-yard drives. So far major U.S. manufacturers have observed this speed limit and other U.S.G.A. rules designed to keep all balls created equal.

But now, a little-known company called H & L Labs is distributing a ball that violates nearly every rule in the book, and the result is a ball that flies down the fairway like a Ferrari on the run.

The ball has provoked heated controversy because it looks, sounds, and feels exactly like a regular ball. H & L refuses to release the ball's name to anyone but a buyer—they simply call it "The Hot One"—so about the only way another player can tell he's playing against one is to keep a radar set in his bag.

And while golf prides itself on being a gentlemen's game, it

seems that more than 40,000 gentlemen—and ladies—are carrying these innocent-looking buzz bombs in their bags. Some say if the U.S.G.A. ever approved the engineering in this ball, pros might start shooting in the 50's.

What's special about the illegal ball? John McGuire, the director of H & L told me this: "We've doctored up the ball's aerodynamics so that it has less drag than conventional balls. You can tell the difference with your first drive. What's more, the special design could help keep tee and fairway shots straight down the middle . . . 'bites and sits' with more authority . . . putts with a steadier roll . . . and is virtually cut-proof." McGuire believes that more money is going to change hands with this little white bandit than all the tournament purses put together.

So far most pro shops don't dare carry it, but if you want to "test drive" the world's longest ball, H & L will send you one FREE. Just order a dozen balls and they will send you thirteen. They ask you to use the extra ball for a few holes. Tests against the best legal balls on the market prove you could add as much as 22 yards to your tee shots. If you don't, return the remaining dozen for a prompt refund. The free ball is yours to keep in any case—for fun or profit.

And if you ever cut one of these super balls in normal play, H & L will replace it free. You pay only the return postage, about 25¢.

A dozen hot balls cost \$19.95 (plus \$1.75 postage and handling). Two or more dozen cost just \$18.00 each and H & L pays all shipping costs. The address is: H & L Labs (Dept. HC 75), 18 Lois Street, Norwalk, CT 06851. You can send a check or charge it, but be sure you give them your card's account number and expiration date. No P.O. Boxes please.

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# The Message Center

## UCLA TO DESIGN AGENT ORANGE STUDY . . .

A team of scientists at the University of California at Los Angeles will design a study by which the VA will attempt to determine what, if any, medical effects result from human exposure to Agent Orange, a defoliant used during the fighting in South Vietnam . . . VA announced the award of a \$114,288 contract under which Drs. Gary Spivey and Roger Detels of UCLA's School of Public Health will direct the design of the epidemiological study . . . The work of the UCLA team will then be evaluated by experts from the National Academy of Sciences—National Research Council, Congressional Office of Technological Assessment, the Interagency Work Group to Study the Possible Long-term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants and the VA's Advisory Committee on Health-related Effects of Herbicides . . . The epidemiological study was mandated by Congress in December of 1979 and VA issued a request for proposals to design it in March 1980. Legal objections raised by the National Veterans Law Center delayed award of the design contract until now.

VA STATISTICS RELEASED . . . A recently published VA research bulletin shows the agency pays over \$11 billion annually, nearly one-half their yearly budget, to five million veterans and survivors under the agency's compensation and pension programs. Other highlights of the report reveal: Over 40 percent of the recipients live in six states—California, Florida, New York, Texas, Pennsylvania and Ohio . . . 2.3 million veterans receive compensation totaling over \$1 billion for service connected disabilities . . . Of those receiving compensation, 24 percent were disabled during the Vietnam era, while 53 percent were disabled during WWII . . . Female veterans comprise one percent of the total receiving compensation from all wars . . . 84 percent of those receiving compensation are under 65 years of age . . . Over 920,000 veterans receive a non-service connected disability pension, half of whom are 65 or older . . . Monthly survivors benefits are paid to about 1.8 million surviving spouses, children and dependent parents, an annual expenditure of about \$2.7 billion. Further details on the report, "Selected Compensation and Pension Data by State of Residence," are available from VA Information Services area offices.

"TAPS" TAPES AVAILABLE . . . Legion Posts needing "Taps" recordings for their

memorial services and military funerals may obtain them from George Gregory of Pontiac, MI . . . The recordings are on cassette-size tapes and feature the sounds of the "Taps" played at the funeral of President John F. Kennedy. There is no charge for the tapes, although contributions are welcomed to help defray costs of the tapes and postage. Write: George Gregory, 1470 Circle Dr., Apt. 304, Pontiac, MI 48055.

## 1981 NATIONAL PARKS CAMPSITES REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS OPERATIONAL . . .

The National Park Service has announced the computerized Ticketron campground reservation system is now in operation for the 1981 summer season. Reservations can be made in person at Ticketron Sales terminals, which are commonly located in department stores, sporting goods outlets or automobile clubs. Parks on the reservation system are the Grand Canyon, Great Smoky Mountains, Rocky Mountain, Sequoia, Shenandoah and Yosemite National Parks and the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Reservations will be accepted up to eight weeks in advance of a planned visit. A \$1.75 fee is charged for the computerized service. That charge is in addition to daily campground fees. All of the parks which offer reserved campsites have other campgrounds which remain available on the traditional first-come, first-serve basis.

## ECONOMIC BROCHURE "CATCH 62 MAY COST YOU"

AVAILABLE . . . A brochure developed by the Legion's Economic Commission entitled "Catch 62 May Cost You," is now available from Legion Department Headquarters. The brochure explains that, under current Social Security Law, time served in the military may be included in the number of years to be counted for government retirement. However, at age 62, all civil service retirees with military service included in the years used to calculate their civil service annuities, and who are entitled to social security must have their annuities recomputed omitting all credit for military service after 1956. This provision, known as "Catch 62," has inadvertently created an undeserved hardship for this segment of veterans. The brochure explains the problem and suggests ways to assist in publicizing the need for corrective legislation. Copies are available from your Department Headquarters or from the Economic Division of The American Legion, 1608 K St., N.W., Washington, DC 20006.



## Commander's Message

(Continued from page 4)

It is uniquely American and imbued with a vitality born of confidence in ourselves, in our country and in our future.

• We possess the means to solve our raw materials problem. We have our own raw materials in abundance and we have a proven genius—some call it “American genius”—for finding substitutes for those materials we don't have. Some whine about our energy situation; it's serious, but not fatal. We have more energy stored in coal than the entire Persian Gulf has in oil. We have more oil locked in shale than Saudi Arabia has beneath its sands.

• We have agricultural output which is the envy—and often, the salvation—of the world. The yield of our farmers—who number only two percent of our entire population—is sufficient to feed not only America's families, but also a large portion of the family of nations.

• We have a built-in system of political renewal which ensures that our government will never stagnate. It is constantly being revitalized by fresh ideas, new approaches and innovative solutions because we are a government of the people, and the people actually comprise the government.

• Our computer technology and good old American “know-how” are unparalleled anywhere. It is sufficient to send men and equipment into space and flexible enough to be diverted into such trivial—but enjoyable—things as home entertainment systems, computer games and electronic wristwatches.

• We are the proverbial beacon in the night to the oppressed peoples of the world. Each year we open our doors to more newcomers than all other nations of the world combined.

• Our medical technology and practitioners have increased our average life expectancy to 73 years and any American who is 65 years old today can expect to live almost two more decades. We have virtually eradicated malnutrition, contagious diseases and infant mortality; and we are taking giant steps to ensure that our elderly are able to enjoy the crowning years of their lives.

• We are a nation with a strong and abiding faith in God. A nation which takes time to offer thanksgiving, takes great pains to build upon its moral foundation and to instill in

its youth the values which will guarantee them happiness and prosperity.

• And the American people themselves are an invaluable asset. A nation of volunteers, we can be seen any day lending a helping hand in our hospitals, orphanages, churches and schools. A nation of dreamers, we work indefatigably for a better world for our children through our support of public education, social programs and religious institutions. A proud people, we are highly motivated, well educated, compassionate and generous.

No, my fellow Legionnaires, this is not a time for despair, but a time for celebration and a time for renewing our commitment to the American dream. In a changing world, we are an anchor of democracy. Those same strengths which have seen us through our first two centuries, will see us through our next 200 years.

I am personally confident that America is now—as she has always been—equal to any challenge. On this the birthday of our nation, let us not forget that God has given us the discipline to endure, the courage to act, and the confidence to succeed, no matter what the undertaking. ■

### American Legion Life Insurance Month Ending April 30, 1981

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April 30, 1981	\$1,340,520
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New Applications Suspended (Applicants failed to return health form)	456

“Effective January 1, 1981, a 20 percent ‘across the board’ increase in benefits will be extended through December 31, 1981.”

The American Legion Life Insurance is an official program of the American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee, 1958. It is decreasing term insurance, issued on application to paid-up members of The American Legion subject to approval based on health and employment statement. Effective Jan. 1, 1980, death benefits ranged from \$80,000 (8 units through age 29, 25 in Ohio) in decreasing steps to \$125 (½ unit at age 75 or over). Previously, maximum was 6 units. This protection is available throughout life, as long as the annual premium is paid, the insured remains a member of The American Legion, and the Plan stays in effect. Available up to eight units at a flat rate of \$24 per unit a year on a calendar year basis, pro-rated during the first year at \$2 a month per unit for insurance approved after January 1. Underwritten by two commercial life insurance companies, the Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California and United States Life Insurance Co. in the City of New York. American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Fund is managed by trustees operating under the laws of Missouri. No other insurance may use the full words “American Legion.” Administered by The American Legion Life Insurance Division, P.O. Box 5609, Chicago, Illinois 60680, to which write for further details.

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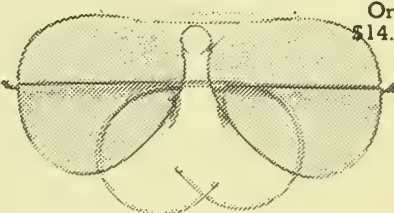
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# NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

## 1981 Spring Meetings Convene

### Legion & Indy Racer Tom Sneva Chase \$1 Million for Viet Vets Memorial

#### NEC Recommends \$2 Hike in Dues

The National Executive Committee of The American Legion met in Indianapolis May 6-7 for the 1981 Spring Meetings and approved some 35 resolutions calling for a variety of actions by government and Legion entities.

Among those approved resolutions was a National Finance Commission resolution recommending the 1981 National Convention in Honolulu fix the 1982 national per capita dues at \$5.50—a \$2 increase over present annual dues.

In related developments, Natl. Cdr. Michael J. Kogutek announced a nationwide, \$1 million pledge program to raise additional funds for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund during the running of the 1981 Indianapolis 500.

Further, Executive Director of the Legion's Washington office, Robert W. Spanogle, was named to succeed

National Adjutant Frank Momsen, who retired June 30. Mylio S. Kraja, formerly director of the Legion's Legislative Division in Washington, was named to succeed Spanogle.

Other approved resolutions included several dealing with drug abuse, opposition to the elimination of the Office of Juvenile Justice and support for licensed day care facilities for the children of working mothers.

Also approved were resolutions urging Congress to enact legislation to benefit and augment the existing knowledge of Reyes Syndrome, urging the Army to permit audible prayers at the Tomb of the Unknowns and reaffirming our stand on full and effective implementation of special consideration for veterans by the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

In calling for the \$2 dues increase, the National Finance Commission resolution noted that "The National per capita dues have remained constant at \$3.50 since 1976 although



Natl. Cdr. Kogutek and race car driver Tom Sneva talk with reporters outside Sneva's garage in Gasoline Alley.

our nation has experienced a crushing inflationary spiral during that time, and there is no indication that in the foreseeable future there will be an end to rising costs in almost every area . . .

"The National Organization of The American Legion, by practice of stringent economies, was able to absorb rising costs through 1981 but will no longer be able to do so . . ."

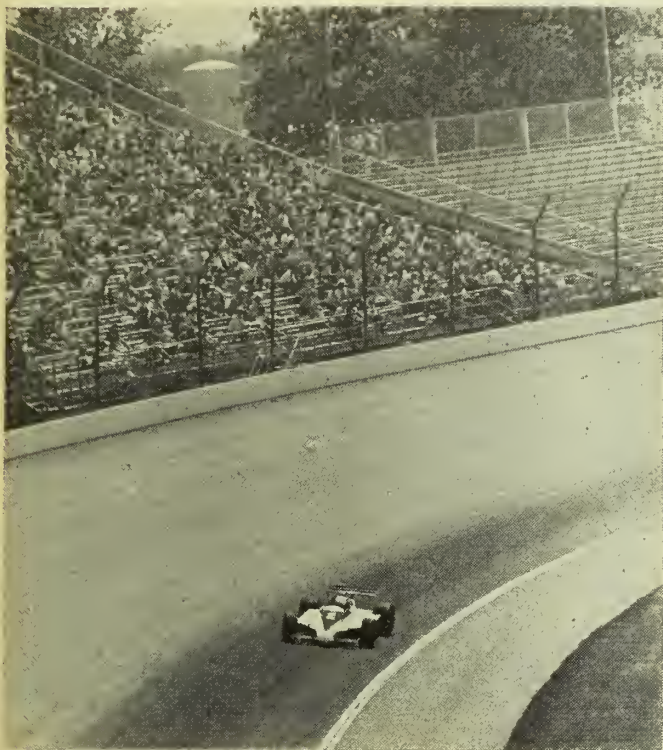
Further, "It is the opinion of the National Executive Committee . . . that unless a dues increase is forthcoming for the year 1982, the National Organization's financial structure will be placed in jeopardy, and the National Organization will be forced to curtail drastically some of its traditional and long-standing programs . . ."

The resolution also noted that while the new National per capita dues will be fixed at the higher amount for calendar year 1982, any 1982 dues paid at the old \$3.50 rate will be accepted if remitted by the Departments to the National Organization under postmark dated on or



Shown above is an architect's model of the winning design in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial design competition. The memorial, which the Legion has pledged to help build through fund-raising efforts, consists of two elongated, reposing black granite walls meeting to form an open "V". Maya Ying Lin, a 21-year-old Yale University architecture student, submitted the winning design. Dedication of the memorial is planned for Memorial Day 1982.





*Crewmembers of the Bignotti-Cotter American Legion Special wearing team shirts sporting the Legion emblem work in the pit area (above and below) to prepare Sneva's car #2 for qualifications. Their efforts paid off as the car raced to more than 200 mph (left) and the fastest qualifying time of the race. Below left, a crewman puts an important finishing touch on the car.*

before January 8, 1982.

Out at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Cdr. Kogutek stepped into a sleek red, white and blue Indianapolis 500 racing car bearing the American Legion name and emblem to announce the first phase of the Legion's efforts to raise funds for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to be constructed in Washington, DC.

Car #2 of the Bignotti/Cosworth Racing Team and driven by seven-time 500 driver Tom Sneva carried the Legion name and emblem during the May 24 race to promote the fund-raising efforts.

Prior to the race and following the Spring Meetings, Kogutek phoned a meeting of racing writers and broadcasters in Indianapolis from London, where he was on an official visit, to announce:

"The American Legion is pleased to announce that our objective, with the great cooperation of Tom Sneva and his car owners, George Bignotti and Dan Cotter, is to raise \$5,000 per lap on the race day performance of their Car #2 . . . (this) puts the Legion on record as pledging to raise \$1,000,000 toward the cost of the memorial.

"This magnificent cooperative effort extended to us by these gentle-



men puts us off to the fastest start any fund raising drive ever had," Kogutek said in referring to Sneva's posting of the fastest qualifying time of the race.

(During the race, Sneva came from 20th position to take the lead in the 33d lap. Although he held the lead for the next 24 laps, clutch failure finally forced him from the race after 96 total laps and he finished 25th in the 33-car field.)

Three weeks after the running of the Indy 500, Sneva carried the Legion colors to the Milwaukee 150 race where fans there learned of the cooperative effort being made by the Bignotti/Cotter Racing Team and the Legion on behalf of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



**If you would like to support The American Legion's fund raising efforts on behalf of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, send your tax deductible donations to: The American Legion Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.**



# VIETNAM VETERANS DAY 1981

*Members of Forest Lake Post 225 form the color guard for Minnesota Gov. Albert H. Quie's signing of the "Recognition Day for Vietnam Veterans" proclamation.*



*Oklahoma Dept. Cdr. Lonzo Wyatt is presented a copy of Gov. George Nigh's proclamation as Bob Isbell (2d from left) and Tom Smith (right) look on.*



Legionnaires around the country joined local, state and national leaders in honoring Vietnam veterans on April 26, 1981, as proclaimed by the President at the request of Congress.

At left, District and Department officers from Illinois join Chicago Cubs' fans in honoring Vietnam vets during pre-game ceremonies at Wrigley Field. Similar ceremonies were conducted at the major league ball parks of the Milwaukee Brewers, Minnesota Twins, Cleveland Indians, San Francisco Giants, Los Angeles Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates, Baltimore Orioles, Houston Astros, Seattle Mariners, Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees.



That day, too, saw the end of a 44 day, 800 mile trek by two Jacksonville, IL, Legionnaires who arrived in Washington, DC, and turned over \$3,500 in pledges to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. Kim Splain and Junior Wyatt, Vietnam era members of Post 279 in Jacksonville, were welcomed to Washington by Natl. Cdr. Kogutek, Air Force Secretary Verne Orr and other dignitaries.

"These veterans of our most unpopular conflict shouldn't have to walk 800 miles here at home to get recognition," Natl. Cdr. Kogutek told those attending the welcoming ceremony on Vietnam Veterans Day.



## One Youth's Plight Unites A Community

When nine-year-old Mark Wickman broke his leg while running, few residents of Colonial Heights, VA, realized this typical boyhood mishap would result in a community united in action.

Nor did members of Post 284 there know they would be spearheading that action.

While receiving treatment for his broken leg at a hospital in nearby Hopewell, VA, Mark's doctors discovered a tumor on the bone. Specialists from the University of Virginia diagnosed the tumor as a rare type of bone growth.

As time passed, complications set in. Mark's leg would not heal properly and the bone began to deform. Mark needed a complicated—and very expensive—surgical procedure available only from specialists at the Boston Children's Hospital.

Mark traveled to Boston where doctors removed the bone tumor, grafted a piece of hip bone to the leg and reinforced their efforts with a metal plate.

The Wickman family's mounting medical expenses—and the knowledge that many more medical bills would fall due before Mark was completely healed—prompted a simple



*The American Legion float, "The Homecoming," depicting the famous Norman Rockwell painting of a WWII GI being welcomed home, won the Governor's Trophy given to the float best representing the 500 Festival Parade theme in the noncommercial category. This year's parade theme was "Reflections of Great Moments."*

gesture by Post 284 that set the community ball rolling.

Last fall, the Legionnaires decided to host a fund-raising dinner for Mark.

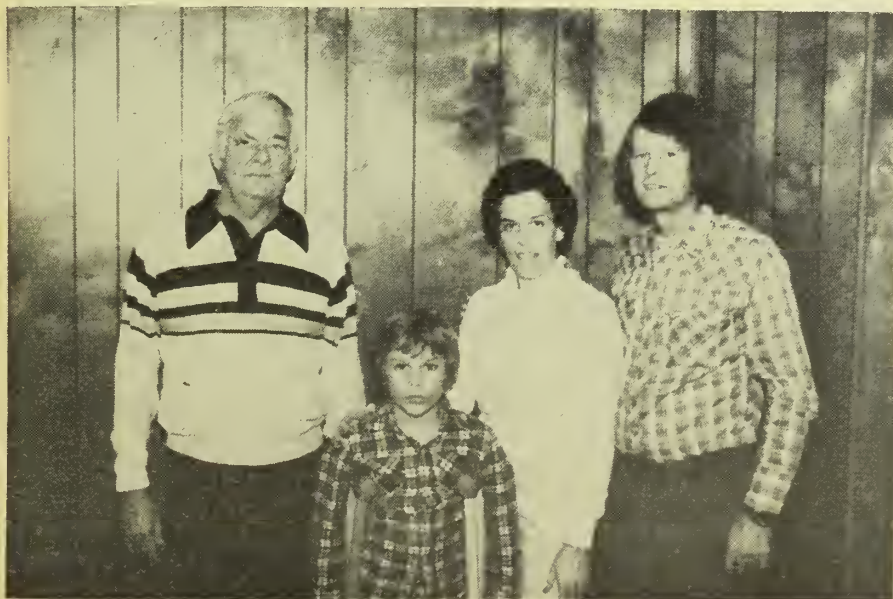
The Legion project became a community project. Local newspapers and radio stations passed the word throughout the community and sur-

rounding area. Other veteran and civic organizations promptly pledged their support and money. Contributions—large and small—began pouring into Post 284. An anonymous donor came forward with airline tickets for Mark and his mother's visits to the Boston Children's hospital for follow-up care.

On the day of the dinner, featuring barbecued pork and chicken, the 60 Legionnaires and their spouses manning the serving line were swamped with a thousand hungry diners.

Some, like a Fraternal Order of Police Chapter, paid for their meals with a \$1,000 check for the Mark Wickman fund. Most diners, however, could only afford the cost of the meal and maybe a bit more. It was enough, though, that by the end of the day more than \$5,200 had been collected for the fund. Further, with donations still coming in from around the state, the fund has topped more than \$9,000.

Mark must return to Boston this fall to have the steel plate removed from his leg. And his therapy will continue. But thanks to a community that cared and a Legion Post that got involved, Mark Wickman will once again run through the streets of Colonial Heights.



*Mark Wickman and his mother are shown with fund-raising organizers Past Cdr. Gerald P. King (left) and Ken Atkins.*



# NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

## VA's Q&A CORNER

These are questions representative of those the Veterans Administration is frequently asked. For more information contact your Post Service Officer, local VA office or write directly to: Veterans Administration (20), Washington, D.C. 20420.

**Q.** I am attending school under the VA's dependents' education assistance program on a full-time basis. Do I qualify for the VA work-study program?

**A.** No. The work-study program is available only to veterans.

**Q.** What happens if the loan payments for a VA guaranteed home loan are not made?

**A.** Failure to make GI home loan payments may lead to foreclosure and loss of the veteran's home. In addition, if the government is required to pay a claim as a result of failure to repay the loan, the veteran will become indebted to the government for the amount of any such claim.

**Q.** During the burial ceremony of my brother, who was a veteran, the flag which draped the casket was presented to his wife. Why wasn't our mother entitled to the flag?

**A.** One burial flag is presented in accordance with the law to the next of kin of a veteran in the following order: spouse, children, father, mother, brother, sister, etc.

**Q.** My father died in service. I am 18 years old and planning to start college in the fall. Since my mother has remarried, do I lose my VA educational entitlement?

**A.** No. The remarriage of a spouse does not affect the child's educational benefit.

**Q.** What is the maximum loan amount on a VA guaranteed home loan?

**A.** There is no maximum loan amount established by VA. However, the maximum amount of the guarantee cannot exceed 60 percent of the loan value of the home, up to a maximum of \$27,500.

**Q.** I was married to a serviceman who died on active duty. I never applied for VA benefits because I remarried shortly after his death. I recently divorced my second husband. Am I entitled to any VA benefits based on my first husband's service?

**A.** Yes. Contact the nearest VA office for assistance.

## Empire Boys Staters Earn College Credits

Participants in New York's Boys State Program now have the opportunity to earn three college credits, thanks to a program worked out between state Legion officials and the New York State Dept. of Education.

The plan was launched when Dr. Nicholas F. Sallese, Executive Director of Boys State in New York and an academician with 35 years experience in higher education, talked with members of the Non-Collegiate Instruction Division of the State Department of Education.

A "think tank" of 12 college professors, all political scientists and professors of government, met with government officials over a two-year period to design a program that would satisfy the State's prerequisites for granting college credits.

After a field evaluation of the Boys State Program in 1979 by three political science observers, the program was deemed worthy of three college credits.

Participation in the college credit program is voluntary. Boys State citizens who do participate are required to write a thesis on politics and government as well as completing 30 hours of an internship in community affairs or politics.

## TAPS

The Taps Notices mention, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, United States government, or other forms of national prominence.

**Frank C. Love, NY Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1938-39), Department Commander (1938-39).**

**William Francis Polen, National Treasurer (1958-78).**

**Eric Henry Smith, IL National Executive Committeeman (1969-71), Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1967-69), Department Commander (1962-63), Department Vice Commander (1960-62).**

**Andrew F. James, ID National Executive Committeeman (1956-58), Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1954-56), Department Commander (1952-53).**



*Mylio S. Kraja, 60, has been appointed executive director of the Legion's Washington offices. Director of the Legion's National Legislative Division in Washington since 1975, Kraja succeeds Robert W. Spanogle, who was named National Adjutant. Kraja's appointment is effective July 1. He is a Navy veteran of World War II, a member of Youngstown, OH Post 15 and served as Ohio Dept. Cdr. in 1959-60.*

## COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID # —, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, 700 Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

**"B" Btry., 41st Coast Artillery.** Joseph Antozak is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Fort Kamehameha, Oahu Island in 1934 he suffered a back injury and was hospitalized at Tripler Hospital. Contact CID 742.

**"A" Co., 224th Regt. 40th Inf. Division.** Ray Komatz needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in Korea in December 1952 he suffered head and eye wounds from a mortar explosion. Contact CID 743.

**VO 47.** Herman Clyde McEntire needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Yokosuka, Japan in March 1947 he was involved in a jeep accident. Contact CID 744.

**117th General Hospital.** Everett R. Smith is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at the 243d Station Hospital in 1944 he suffered a back injury while on bivouac. Contact CID 745.

**USS Merrick (AKA 97).** Calvin Wayne Callison needs witnesses to verify a claim that while aboard ship in 1956-57 he fell, injuring his right knee while on KP duty. Contact CID 746.



# Legion's Child Welfare Foundation Awards a Record-Breaking Amount

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., awarded a record-breaking \$118,219.50 to eight non-profit organizations to assist children and youth. The amount brings the total grants made by the Foundation in its 27 years of operation to more than \$900,000.

The awards are made to support worthwhile projects to discover new knowledge, research and education about children and youth and make the widest possible distribution of this information.

The grant recipients are:

*The Tourette Syndrome Association, Bayside, NY*—\$11,832.50 to fully fund their project, "Tourette Syndrome Public Education."

*St. Mary's Hospital for Children, Bayside, NY*—\$6,000 to extend a grant given last year for the project, "Helping Asthmatic Children to Exercise."

*The Delinquency Control Institute of the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA*—\$7,200 to provide tuition for six police officers attending a program to prepare each officer to be more professional and understanding in helping young people in trouble.

*The Immune Deficiency Foun-*

*dation, Columbia, MD*—\$17,280 to fully fund their project, "Public and Medical Education/Information Program on Immune Deficiency Diseases and the Immune Deficiency Foundation."

*The National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Rockville, MD*—\$25,642 to fully fund their project, "National Cystic Fibrosis Public Education Exhibit Project."

*The National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, Benzonia, MI*—\$17,065 to fully fund their project, "Expand Public Awareness About Reye's Syndrome."

*The National Mental Health Association, Arlington, VA*—\$10,000 to fund the printing of manuals and purchase of films for the project, "I'm Thumbbody."

*The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, Washington, DC*—\$22,200 to fully fund their project, "Strengthening Adoptive Families of Children with Special Needs Through 'Let's Play To Grow' a Family-Oriented Program of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation."

*The Gang Investigators League of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ*—\$1,000 to fully fund their project, "Gang Investigators League of Arizona."

"HQ" Co., 5th Army. Willie A. Carter needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed in Italy during 1943-45 his legs were injured from sleeping on the ground during the winter. Contact CID 747

88th QM Corps., 16th Bn., 1st Platoon, Tech. Detach. Jay H. Cragun needs witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Camp Lee, VA, in September 1945 his back and legs were injured in an explosion of a mine simulator during basic training. Contact CID 748

88th MP Co., X Corps., 55th MP Co. APO 301 MP. Henry A. Laurence is seeking witnesses to verify a claim that while stationed at Seoul, Korea from November 1953 to January 1954 he suffered from Hemorrhagic Fever and was hospitalized at 11th Evac. Hospital in Wonju, Korea. Contact CID 749

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The award of a life membership to a Legionnaire by a Post is a testimonial by those who know best that such a member has served The American Legion well.

Harry E. Abrams; A.H. Harriss, Jr.; Charles M. Harrington, Sr.; John B. Hill; Rachal M. Loman; R. S. McClelland; B.R. McRackon; William Rosenman; F.D. Partrick; S.V. Sneedon; R.L. Church; L.F. Duvall; J.R. Hollis (1980), Post 10, Wilmington, NC

Drexel A. Lambert (1979), Lyle W. Hysell, Kenneth A. Davis (1980), Harry R. Thomas (1981), Post 467, Rutland, OH

James Ray, Tom Crabtree (1980), Clayton J. Stevenson (1981), Post 4, Olongapo City, PI  
Earl W. Haddon, Marvin Tiller (1977), James D. Jackson, Louis A. Riddell, Jr. (1979), Robert P. Miller (1980), Post 125, Richmond, VA  
Hilary B. Schoen (1980), Post 52, LaCrosse, WI

Herbert W. Anderson, Howard Thompson (1981), Post 29, Glendale, AZ

Alfred J. Baker, Earl R. Cooper, Del L. Fisk, William A. Weinrich (1981), Post 34, Wil-  
lows, CA

C.T. Woods, Floyd E. Wright (1978), Ed Hissey, Harold Coulthurst, Ted Andrews, Wade Parlin (1980), Post 287, Wilmington, CA

Robert McKenzie (1981), Post 13, Canon City, CO

Jack Weller (1981), Post 10, Marion, IN  
Clarence Schindel (1981), Post 447, Hinton, IA  
Lindsay N. Ripley, Jr. (1981), Post 110, Med-  
field, MA

Leonard C. Bradley (1977), John A. Geggis, John F. Crucioffi, William R. Theobald, Ralph E. Laffoley (1978), Kenneth Nestor, Eugene P. Galipeau (1979), Bertram E. Hannaford, David F. Noonan, Jr. (1980), George N. Savard, Jr. (1981), Post 115, Stoneham, MA

John Cryan, Louis Doyle, Joseph Ferreira, Daniel Donovan, Lansing English, John Hocter (1981), Post 227, Middleton, MA

Robert Saltness, Robert Rosecrans, Donald Dinsmore (1981), Post 303, Fridley, MN

Joseph H. Bisher (1981), Post 111, St. Louis, MO

Donald B. Heath (1981), Post 110, Catskill, NY

Kenneth J. Larsen, Rudolph J. Buono, George J. Colantuono, Mitchell Steinberg (1980), Post

159, Brooklyn, NY

Calvin L. Eastman, Jeffrey J. Leonard, Robert D. Rabideau (1981), Post 205, Kenmore, NY  
Stanley Lapinski (1981), Post 459, Rochester, NY

Martin J. Grover (1981), Post 907, Candor, NY

John J. Putz (1979), Thomas J. Siegrist (1980), Frederick Stringfellow, Frederick Wurl, Paul Wahler (1981), Post 1451, Sanborn, NY

Victor O. Mattson, Gottlieb Moos, Aubrey Martin, Robert T. Gray, Henry Seeman (1981), Post 40, Mandan, ND

John T. Hov, Wayne R. Bergan (1980), Post 160, McHenry, ND

Michael M. Humensky, Anthony Jost (1981), Post 343, Euclid, OH

Roger M. Frederick (1981), Post 348, Toledo, OH

Joseph J.F. Murphy (1973), Harvey W.S.G. Hoch (1976), Post 215, Catasauqua, PA

William G. Meese, Ephraim Goldthorp (1967), James Mark (1969), Simon Hartle, Thomas Ginnick (1977), Alex C. Bailey, Frank E. Ehrenfeld, David Hartman, Adolph Johnson, Hugh S. Johnson, Harry N. Meese (1978), John T. Booth (1979), Post 437, Philipsburg, PA

Bert DeGolyer, Allan L. Ferguson, Arthur McNally, Henry Aycock (1981), Post 684, Arnold, PA

Raymond Biddle (1981), Post 90, Metro Manila, PI

Clifford Fenenga, William V. Peterson, Carrol L. Stewart, Emanuel A. Waganan (1980), Post 179, Reliance, SD

Reginald T. Richard, Raymond W. Brunson (1981), Post 1, St. Albans, VT

Carole J. Vasarella (1981), Post 288, Cedarburg, WI

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

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Earliest submission favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

### Army

1st Bn., 152d Inf., 38th Div. (Cyclone) (WWII) (July-Tell City, IN). Alan Stephens, P.O. Box 323, New Albany, IN 47150 (812) 944-0400

1st Medical Regt. (Aug-Moorhead, MN). Quentin Werpy, 807 Pleasant Dr., Ada, MN 56510

2d Arm'd Div. Assn. (WWII) (July-King of Prussia, PA). Russell Lamison, 316 Bridge St., Spring City, PA 19475 (215) 948-9106

2d Div. Assn. (Indian Head) (July-LaCrosse, WI). Anthony Luongo, 121-38 238th St., Laurelton, NY 11422 (212) 528-1484

2d Tank Bn., 9th Arm'd Div. (July). O.W. Schantz, 1155 Lone Pine Ln., San Jose, CA 95120

4th P.A. Assn. (Mountain Pack) (Sept-Fayetteville, NC). Dallas Kirby, 1536 Paisley Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28304 (919) 425-6731

6th Ordnance (MM) Co. (Sept-Buckroe Beach, VA). Col. R.S. Crossman, Ret., 124 Atlantic Rd., North Palm Beach, FL 33408 (305) 848-6957

10th Arm'd Tiger Div. Assn. (Sept-Indianapolis). James Revell, 10433 SW 99th Terr., Miami, FL 33176 (305) 271-6087

11th Engr. Combat Bn. & Regt. (Sept-Gatlinburg, TN). A.B. Harward, 523 College Dr., Raeford, NC 28376

15th & 17th Cav. Recon. Sq. Group (Sept-Bartonsville, PA). Ange Taddeo, 179 Rosecroft Dr., Rochester, NY 14616 (716) 865-5328

18th Coast Artillery (Lt. Stevens, OR) (Sept-Celina, OH). Charles Justus, 625 Yaronia Dr. W., Columbus, OH 43214 (614) 268-2566

19th Combat Engrs. (WWII) (July-Laurel, MD). Edgar Pohlmann, 5805 Goucher Dr., College Park, MD 20740 (301) 474-0303

19th Tank Bn., 9th Arm'd Div. (Sept-Louisville, KY). Marion Christensen, 906 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Madison, WI 53714 (608) 244-0730

21st Aviation Engr. Regt. (Sept-Hagerstown, MD). Calvin Eckert, R.D. 3, Box 316, Dillsburg, PA 17019 (717) 766-6511

22d Bomb Group (Sept-Colorado Springs, CO). Robert Jones, 308 Jersey St., Denver, CO 80220 (303) 388-3765

28th Inf. Div. (Korea) (Aug-Amana, IA). Robert

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# NEWS

FOR LEGIONNAIRES

## Legionnaire of Month Guidelines Detailed

Each month, one Legionnaire's contributions to his Post, his community and his country are noted in our "Legionnaire of the Month" column. It is printed in the hope that these Legionnaires will serve as models of service to us all.

If you think you have a "super" Legionnaire among your membership, you may nominate him for the monthly recognition by following some simple guidelines.

Each month, an individual is selected from those nominated whose record best demonstrates superior, sustained contributions to The American Legion's programs, policies and goals.

Nominations must include:

- A letter of nomination that includes a complete list of Legion offices held, a detailed description of other significant contributions to the Legion, honors awarded and any other pertinent information. The letter must be signed by either the Post or Department Commander or Adjutant.

- A sharp, clear black and white photograph of the nominee.

It's important to note the Magazine receives a large volume of nominees who have held many Legion offices at various levels in the organization. Those usually selected, however, are individuals whose documented contributions have gone beyond the normal duties and responsibilities of their offices.

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Schuerch, 3615 Johnson Ave., Davenport, IA 52802 (319) 326-5659

28th Inf. Regt., 8th Inf. Div. (Med. Detach. WWII) (Aug-Grossinger, NY). Wynn Mauler, 220 Sudbrook Ln., Baltimore, MD 21208 (301) 484-3006

29th Div. Assn. (Sept-Roanoke, VA). Harry Richardson, P.O. Box 5302, Roanoke, VA 24012 (703) 992-4402

30th Air Depot Group (WWII) (Aug-Troy, OH). John Richey, 6207 Carriage Dr., Dayton, OH 45415

32d Inf. Div. (Sept-Lansing, MI). Robert Angell, 900 Long Blvd. #211, Lansing, MI 48910 (517) 694-5865

35th Inf. Div. Assn. (Sept-Kansas City, MO). Bill Withrow, P.O. Box 4022, Topeka, KS 66604 (913) 233-8865

37th Inf. (Dutch Harbor, 1941-42) (Aug-Astoria, OR). James Mullen, P.O. Box 286, Valentine, NE 69201 (402) 376-1311

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54th General Hospital (WWII) (August). Joe Frivaldsky, 1945 Balboa Ave., Del Mar, CA 92014 (714) 755-9085

54th Signal Bn. (WWII) (Sept-Salinas, CA). Agner Silva, 110 Rodeo, Salinas, CA 93901 (408) 449-8044

66th Fighter Hq. Wing Assn. (Sept-Indianapolis). Harry Teague, 600 E. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240 (317) 846-0853

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81st Inf. Div. (Wildcat) (Aug-Rochester, MN). Raymond Ross, RR 2, Byron, MN 55920 (507) 775-2367

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94th Signal Bn. (Sept-Fort Ashby, WV). Virgil Abe, P.O. Box 176, Fort Ashby, WV 26719 (304) 298-3689

100th Chemical Mortar Bn. (July-Northbrook, IL). William Creaney, 815 Ridge Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091 (312) 251-0334

101st Airborne Div. (Aug-San Diego). George Rosie, P.O. Box 101 AB, Court Station, Kalamazoo, MI 49005

102d Inf. Div. (July-Louisville, KY). Abe Mitchell, 2 McKay Rd., Bethel, CT 06801

104th Inf. Assn. (Timberwolf) (Sept-Colorado Springs, CO). Leo Hoegh, Box 578, Cascade, CO 80809 (303) 684-9880

112th Sta. Hospital (263d G.H., India, 1943-44) (Sept-Youngstown, OH). Keith Straight, 1521 S. 29th St., LaCrosse, WI 54601 (608) 788-0461

113th Engrs. (WWI) (Sept-Noblesville, IN). Glen McCool, 1820 E. Sycamore St., Kokomo, IN 46901 (317) 459-5522

120th AAA Bn. (Sept-Columbus, OH). Harold Weikert, P.O. Box 2, Covington, OH 45318 (513) 473-3553

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133d Evac. Hospital S.M. (Sept-Omaha, NE). Jane Dedinas, 8861 Izard St., Omaha, NE 68114 (402) 397-9729

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162d Inf., 41st Div., (WWI) (3d Oregon) (Sept-Portland, OR). Daniel Newgard, 1757 Sallal, Woodburn, OR 97071 (503) 982-5982

187th Signal Repair Co. (WWII) (Aug-Rochester, NY). John Sheridan, 115 Firestone Dr., Rochester, NY 14624 (716) 247-6796

202d Coast Arty. (AA) (Sept-El Paso, TX). Roger McCabe, 7400 Edgemere Blvd., El Paso, TX 79925 (915) 778-0632

204th Coast Arty. Regt. Assn. (AA) (WWII) (Aug-Bossier City, LA). Everett Bonnette, 3012 Drexel St., Shreveport, LA 71108 (318) 631-3805

206th C.A.A.A. (Sept-Little Rock, AR). Bill Chambers, 2502 S. Harrison St., Little Rock, AR 72204 (501) 666-5376

210th Ord. M.A.M. Co. (Aug-West Branch, IA). Clarence Thomas, West Branch, IA 52358 (319) 643-2284

244th, 259th, 633d C.A. Bns. (Sept-New York City). Frederick Horsham, 16411 Willets Point Blvd., Whitestone, NY 11357 (212) 310-2492

246th Signal Oper. Co. (WWII) (Aug-Knoxville, TN). Johnnie Huggins, Jr., 30031 SW 169th Ave., Homestead, FL 33030 (305) 247-0150

258th F.A. Bn. (WWII) (Aug-Sioux Falls, SD). Maynard Justice, Chamberlain, SD 57325 (605) 734-5444

276th Combat Engrs. (Aug-Nashville, TN). James Elkins, Box 72, Bell Buckle, TN 37020 (615) 359-9161

291st Signal Co. (Sept-Lexington, KY). Frank Davis, P.O. Box 1342, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 (615) 896-4471

295th QM Salvage Repair Co. (Sept-Dunkirk, NY). William Schlichter, 206 Main St., Dunkirk, NY 14048 (716) 366-5404

298th General Hospital (WWII) (July-Ft. Wayne, IN). Charles Mance, 3232 Schoaff Rd., Hometown, IN 46748

310th Signal Oper. Bn., 9th Army (Sept-Indiana, PA). Earl Mitchell, RD 6, Box 62, Indiana, PA 15701

321st Anti-Tank Co., 81st Inf. Div. (Sept-Niagara Falls, NY). C. "Red" Colton, 59 Irving Pl., Staten Island, NY 10304 (212) 981-0220

344th Ord. Depot Co., (Sept-Indianapolis). Frank Angotti, 109 Main Ave., Weston, WV 26452 (304) 269-1866

407th Engr. Combat Bn. (Sept-Grandview, MO).

## Founders President Dies in Florida

I.K. Stevenson, President of the Society of American Legion Founders, died recently in Orange Park, FL. He was 85.

Stevenson attended both the Paris and St. Louis Caucus, and was a veteran of both WWI and WWII.

As a Navy Ensign in 1919, he was on leave in Paris and having dinner one evening when he was approached by Lt. Col. Teddy Roosevelt Jr., organizer of the Paris Caucus. Roosevelt told those in Stevenson's party that plans were well underway for an association of service men, but that they needed more representatives from the Sea Services. Roosevelt and Stevenson met again at the St. Louis Caucus held later that year.

In 1941, Stevenson was recalled to active duty in the Navy and commissioned a Lt. Cdr. He served in the Pacific theater, rising to Group Commander of 12 Landing Ships (Tank) (LST).

Stevenson operated his own sales business for many years and made his retirement home in Florida.

In addition to serving as President of the Founders, Stevenson had previously been that group's Chairman of the Executive Committee.



I.K. Stevenson

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432d Hq. Battery, 5th Army (July-Flint, MI). Charles Zombo, 5047 Seymour Rd., Flushing, MI 48433 (313) 659-9286

447th Sub Depot Station 110 (Polebrook, England-WWII) (Sept-Southport, ME). Frederick Larsen, P.O. Box 1, Yalahau, FL 32797 (904) 324-2451

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 USS Delta (AR 9) (Aug-Bath, NY). Howard Vansciver, 2034 Lansing St., Philadelphia, PA 19152 (215) 745-1364  
 USS Dickens (APA 161) (Aug-Texarkana, TX). Joe Freeman, 1901 College Dr., Texarkana, TX 75503 (214) 793-8511  
 USS Eberle (DD 430) (July-Asheville, NC). Bill Keith, P.O. Box 155, Sanford, NC 27330 (919) 776-5924  
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 USS England (DE 635) (Aug-Buffalo, NY). Edward Arterburn, 515 W. Virginia Ave., Peoria, IL 61604 (309) 682-0718  
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 USS Metcalf (DD 595) (Sept-Kansas City, MO). John Chittum, 350 S. Walnut St., Huntington, WV 25705 (304) 523-6963  
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## The All-American Clambake

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although fresh water will do if you are located inland. A little cornmeal tossed into the water will help the clams rid themselves of grit inside their shells.

Since appetites are whetted razor sharp by the salt air, each guest is allotted a quart of clams, a cup of melted butter, half a chicken, one lobster and a couple of fish fillets and sausages along with a baked potato, a couple of ears of corn and more butter. Some bakes also serve salted crackers, tomatoes, raw onions and several kinds of relish. One Rhode Island bakemaster went a step further and added johnnycake and sweet cider.

The gargantuan feast is usually washed down with ice cold beer or hot coffee. Soda or milk are also served, but it is advisable to avoid any drink that is too filling. The secret of enjoying a bake is pacing yourself, as any veteran will tell you. Newcomers are given a friendly tip to go easy on the clams and butter, delicious though they are, since there is a lot more to come.

If a pot bake is served, the guests get a special dividend. As the clams get hot and pop open, their juices mingle with the steaming water at the bottom of the tub. A delicious clam broth soon begins to form. Shortly before the food is done, the bakemaster siphons off about four gallons of this broth through a tap in the bottom of the pot and quickly makes a pungent sauce by adding about a dozen bottles of A-1 sauce, half a dozen bottles of Worcestershire, one bottle of Tabasco, the juice of 12 lemons, three pounds of butter, six bottles of catsup, one half can of hot mustard and several tablespoons of sugar. This rich mixture is poured over the seafood and the chicken, sausage and potatoes.

And there should be plenty of each since the great pots used at pot bakes hold up to 30 pounds of frankfurters, 80 small chickens, 175 white and 175 sweet potatoes, 40 fish fillets, five bushels of clams and about 300 ears of corn. Up to 175 small lobster can be placed atop the whole thing, but they are usually cooked in separate kettles. The amount of food produced by these pots would inspire awe, even in New England.

The final touch at most bakes is chunks of watermelon served ice cold, but some more venturesome

guests have been known to bolt down a wedge of apple pie with ice cream before waddling away from the table.

Some of America's inland states have also begun staging bakes of their own. Great containers packed with clams, lobsters and other trimmings are shipped from coastal points in refrigerated freight cars. In grain belt areas like Kansas, pot bakes are held in cornfields and guests are invited to pick their own ears of corn to be popped into the steaming pot.

For small bakes involving family and close friends, the pit and pot methods are usually not practical. Whoever is designated as the bakemaster places heated rocks in a sugar barrel that has been soaking in water overnight. Sand and bits of scrap iron are usually placed in the bottom of the barrel to prevent the stones from burning through the wood. Layers of rockweed alternate with layers of food, and damp burlap bags are placed at the top.



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At the big bakes, guests are usually seated at long wooden tables while relays of waiters shuttle back and forth with heaping trays of food. At the barrel cookout everyone looks for a flat rock to sit on or spreads a blanket on the ground.

Whichever method is used, the clambake can be a Lucullan feast with enough variety to suit any taste. But one final warning: wear jeans or coveralls and be sure you have plenty of paper napkins handy to wipe away the tide of juices and melted butter coursing down your chin. ■



## OUTFIT REUNIONS

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- USS Phoebe (SS 390) (Sept-Sacramento, CA). William Flippin, 6005 Fairlane Dr., Kansas City, MO 64131 (816) 763-3131
- USS Portland (CA 33) (Aug-Hammond, IN). Claybourne Ridgely, 1520 Austin Ave., Shererville, IN 46375 (219) 322-5710
- USS Santa Fe (CL 60) (Aug-Newton, MA). Dr. G.C. Trimm, 133 W. 18th St., Lake Charles, LA 70601
- USS Thornhill (DE 195) (Sept-Tannersville, PA). Henry Cetkowski, RR 2, Box 180, Titusville, NJ 08560 (609) 737-1727
- USS Tutuila (ARG 4) (July-King of Prussia, PA). John Hennessey, 1013 Covedale Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45238 (513) 451-2222
- WW II & Pre-Pearl Harbor Navy Personnel (Oct-Las Vegas, NV). Woodrow Rainbolt, 5023 Royal Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103 (702) 873-9841

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- 3d Staff Sq. (Sherman Field, KS) (Sept-Leavenworth, KS). Roscoe Swenson, 109 N. 5th, Salina, KS 67401 (913) 827-2577
- 51st Troop Carrier Sq. (Sept-New Orleans). Robert Gallaway, 604 Gary Dr., Roswell, NM 88201 (505) 622-7822
- 69th Bomb Sq. (Aug-Atlanta). Nathan Lane, 186 Market St., Paterson, NJ 07509
- 303d Air Service Sq. (Aug-Colorado Springs, CO). Kenneth Huff, 907 W. Blvd. N., Columbia, MO 65201 (314) 449-2384
- 320th Bomb Group (M) (Sept-Sacramento, CA). Stuart Rowan, 108 Aspen St., Hereford, TX 79045 (806) 364-4015
- 341st Fighter Sq., 348th Fighter Group (Sept-Dayton, OH). Albert Arnold, 109 Ferris St. Apt. 3, Ypsilanti MI 48197 (313) 482-0164
- 343d Ftr. Sq. (WWII) (Sept-Sikeston, MO). O.L. Daugherty, Jr., 103 Charlotte Ln., Sikeston, MO 63801 (314) 472-1380
- 452d Bomb Group Assn. (H) (England, WWII) (Sept-King of Prussia, PA). Rom Blaylock, P.O. Box 2536, New Bern, NC 28560 (919) 633-2594
- 457th Bomb Group Assn. & attached Units (Sept-Colorado Springs, CO). Homer Briggs, 811 NW "B" St., Bentonville, AR 72712 (501) 273-3908
- 830th Bomb Sq. (Aug-Louisville, KY). Lyle Talbott, 310 Mohican Dr., Crooksville, OH 43731 (614) 982-2816
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- Clinton County Air Force Glider Unit (August) James Wixson, 316 Walnut St., Wilmington, OH 45177 (513) 382-4275
- U.S.A.F. Survival Instructors (July-Reno, NV). Don Wertz, 3827 Pineleaf, Houston, TX 77068 (713) 440-5227

### Marines

- 1st Marine Div. Assn. (Aug-Kansas City, MO). Maj. George Meyer, Ret., 1704 Florida Ave., Woodbridge, VA 22191 (703) 550-7516
- 3d Marine Div. Assn. (July-Philadelphia). Charles Powers, 316 Ocean Rd., Spring Lake, NJ 07762 (201) 449-3609
- 4th Marine Amphibian Tractor Bn. (Aug-Minneapolis). John Benedict, 26741 N. Shore Dr., Beloit, OH 44609 (216) 525-7401
- Marine Bombing Sq. (VMB 611) (Sept-Savannah, GA). Bud Jades, 164 Richard Ave., Shreveport, LA 71105

### Coast Guard

- USS Joseph T. Dickman (APA 13) (Oct-Memphis, TN). Arthur Murray, 571 W. Lockwood, St. Louis, MO 63119 (314) 961-4397
- USS Spencer C.G. Assn. (WWII) (Sept-Danvers, MA). George Bouthier, 308 Kent Dr., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 (305) 783-5455

### Miscellaneous

- 1st Special Service Force (Aug-Vancouver, B.C.). Larry Story, 12807 Southridge Dr., Surrey BC V3W A1A Canada (604) 591-9291
- Legion of Valor of the United States (July-New Orleans). David Christian, 47 Canal Run West, Washington Crossing, PA 18977
- Medical Detachment & civilian employees (Barnes General Hosp., 1941-45) (Aug-Vancouver, WA). Eli Pray, 3708 "G" St., Vancouver, WA 98663 (206) 693-8989
- NSD Base (Mechanicsburg, PA, WWII). (Sept-Mechanicsburg, PA). Paul Small, P.O. Box 9874, Philadelphia, PA 19140
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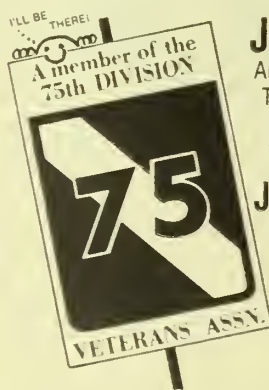
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# News to Use

## Credit Unions Expand Functions

If you're a member of a credit union, and need a loan, chances are that the money is available—often on better terms than at commercial institutions.

By and large credit unions have been experiencing an influx of savings (the increase amounted to about 12.5 percent last year). So cash is on hand for short and medium-term borrowings. Mortgages, though, are rare, if available at all. Credit unions are entering that field, too, but there still are some angles to be straightened out. Meantime, credit unions are taking on more and more of the functions of commercial financial institutions, including certificates of deposit and checking privileges.

Credit unions are nonprofit, financial cooperatives, operated by people with a "common bond," such as labor unions or employee groups. They are not subject to federal income taxes, and often get the benefit of free quarters and voluntary help. So the dividends they pay on deposits (which technically are shares in the cooperative) tend to be higher than in banks and loans may be less expensive.

While the upheavals in interest rates have affected the usually liberal policies of the credit unions in the past year or so, it's well worth your while to give them a try if you're a member.

## Media Innovations Aid Handicapped

Recent technical innovations are broadening the scope and availability of the media, particularly for the handicapped:

**TV:** "Closed captioning"—i.e., printed subtitles—is now being used for many TV programs by ABC, NBC and the Public Broadcasting Service, so that the hard-of-hearing can participate. You can't see the captions, though, without a decoder which unscrambles a signal (called "line 21") otherwise not visible on your screen. Price of a decoder: About \$250.

**CBS,** meantime, is testing a system of its own (not compatible with the ABC-NBC-PBS method) that not only will caption programs but also will produce special messages, such as sports results and stock market data.

**Books:** If your eyesight is impaired—or if you would rather listen than read—you can rent or buy tape cassettes of hundreds of novels, nonfiction and instruction. Price for a 30-day rental, which is arranged via mail, ranges from around \$9 to \$30, depending on type and length of book. Purchase price is \$3 per hour for used cassettes (that is, a book requiring, say, eight hours of listening time would cost \$24), or \$6 per hour for brand new cassettes. If you don't want to buy or rent, see if your library has tapes available on a loan basis.

## Coping With Unexpected Emergencies

Although tragedies and disasters are abhorrent, it's a good idea to know in advance how to cope with them. Here is the latest advice from experts:

**Hotel Fires:** Never run for the elevators (which likely won't work). Instead, make it a point to know in advance where the fire doors are located in both directions and head for them. If you encounter smoke in a stairwell, climb to the roof and wait for help (don't jump). If you are trapped in your room, stuff wet towels around the door and hold a wet towel to your face. Try to get as many doors as possible between yourself and the fire, and stay in a room with windows. Hang out a sheet or light-colored clothing as a signal.

**Death In The Family:** The first essentials are to get a copy of the deceased's will and certified copies of the death certificate (usually the funeral director can take care of the certificate). Immediately notify the departed person's lawyer; insurance companies, employer and associates, relatives, church and fraternal organizations, and local Social Security office. Meantime, start a search for important papers and documents.

Also remember: Be sure you have access to money for immediate needs (the deceased's funds are likely to be tied up temporarily), and don't forget to file an income tax return if the deceased had minimum taxable income.

By Edgar A. Grunwald



# Books

**Everything We Had**, by Al Santoli. RANDOM HOUSE, PUB., \$12.95, and **Nam**, by Mark Baker. WILLIAM MORROW, PUB., \$12.95. The Vietnam War, probably the most divisive military experience our nation has faced since the Civil War, was for some years *not discussed*. Now those who were there are starting to tell their personal stories. Here are two books of oral, first person accounts that will help clarify the trauma, tragedy and triumph from that period.

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## Diagnosis At A Distance

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its own characteristics through which much is revealed about the chemical and physical processes of the "talking" atom.

Chemists have used this atomic property extensively in the laboratory to analyze substances. Recently, medical researchers have also begun to take advantage of this quirk of nature by turning it into a powerful diagnostic tool.

They place the patient in a strong magnetic field and then harmlessly bombard him with radiowaves. They then monitor and interpret the messages sent by the responding atoms.

### Mathematical Knives

In the experimental stage at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, is a method of expanding x-ray images into three-dimensional, cube-like reproductions which allow the viewing of internal organs from different sides as if they had been removed from the rest of the body—all without touching the patient.

The method, known as "Dynamic Spatial Reconstruction" (DSR), has also been called a "mathematical knife" because through mathematical calculations the machine manages to create the optical illusion of a living organ floating separately and isolated for observations not possible by any other means.

Though many of the diagnostic devices used are recent innovations, the principle of non-invasive diagnosis is not new. Physicians have always tried to infer internal processes from such external clues as complexion, reflexes, appearance of eyes, even posture and gait. They have been able to tell much about conditions inside your body from sounds and signals obtained by placing their fingers to your wrist to feel your pulse, touching the end of their stethoscope to your chest to listen to your heartbeat and breathing, and attaching a cuff around your upper arm to measure your blood pressure.

Physicians have taped electrodes to the skin of your chest, arms and legs so that an electrocardiograph (EKG) can monitor, magnify and record the weak electrical currents spontaneously generated by the living heart, thereby disclosing valuable clues about the heart's state of health. A set of electrodes taped to

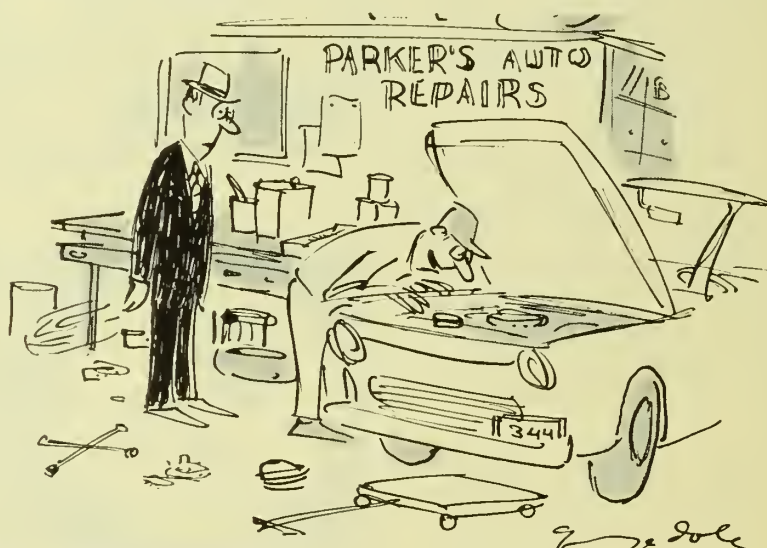
the scalp can record brain waves, which are electrical currents originating in the brain, to detect disease conditions such as Parkinsonism and epilepsy. Laser beams are being used in some medical centers nowadays for no-touch measuring of the blood flow through the blood vessels of the eyes for clues to a variety of diseases including diabetes and hypertension.

Despite their obvious advantages and benefits, some of the modern non-invasive techniques have come under attack from critics who deplore their immense complexities and high costs compared to much simpler traditional technology.

No one disputes that these new techniques are immensely compli-

cal bill to a colossal, nearly prohibitive \$200 billion, making medical care the country's third largest industry behind agriculture and construction.

An opposite view is held by Dr. Robert S. Ledley of Georgetown University, Washington, DC, who built on the Cormack-Hounsfield concepts and was instrumental in developing the advanced CT whole-body scanner used for Deremp's examination. Dr. Ledley points out that Deremp's bill was only \$350, which is less than he would have had to pay for two days of hospitalization. Dr. Ledley also emphasizes that the procedure on Deremp was painless, almost risk-free and he lost only hours, instead of days, from work.



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cated. For example, CT was considered such an extraordinary achievement and revolutionary breakthrough for diagnostic medicine that the two men who demonstrated the concept, Allan MacLeod Cormack, now of Tufts University, and Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield of England shared the 1979 Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology. They were honored for the intricate and esoteric theoretical work that proved CT feasible in the mid-1950s and 1960s and for designing the first crude working models in the 1970s.

There are now at least 1,300 CT machines in the United States with price tags running from about \$500,000 to \$1 million each. Critics charge they are partly responsible for catapulting the nation's annual medi-

Besides these obvious savings, says Dr. Ledley, countless CT case histories go far beyond economic considerations. He recalled that a child was admitted to the hospital because of erratic behavior after a traffic accident. A CT head scan showed brain injuries which were immediately treated, successfully. Had there been no CT, the child would have been kept for observation overnight and by the time the injuries could have been confirmed it would almost certainly have been too late to save the child's life.

Yet, because of their complexity and cost, CT and some other new non-invasive techniques do not lend themselves for use in routine physical examinations. The new techniques are usually employed only in cases



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# The Lady On Liberty Island

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of the fact that water surrounds them. It makes constant weather-watchers of them all.

Ranger Frank W. Mills emphasizes the role that weather plays in their lives. "We can take ice storms or hurricanes in stride, but fog is another story. It can sneak up on you in a hurry. And if it's heavy enough, it immobilizes the ferry and the workboat. So we always keep one eye on the sky, ready to clear the island quickly of visitors and personnel who live ashore. The other side of that coin is that if those of us who live here are trapped in the city by fog, we are stuck until it clears. That's no fun, take it from me."

For Moffitt's two older children—Andrea, 17, and John, 15—who commute to high school in the city each morning, a sudden pea souper means another night sacked out on the living room floor of Moffitt's brother's Manhattan apartment. Eleven-year-old Michael is luckier; he attends school at the Coast Guard station on nearby Governors Island—if fog keeps him there he gets a bed. "A few times all five of us have been fog-bound in the city and it was wall-to-wall Moffitts on my brother's floor," Dave says wryly. "Fortunately, he's good-natured."

Mills points out another hazard for those living on the island—getting out the percolator and discovering that the coffee can is empty, or squeezing out the last dab of toothpaste and simultaneously realizing there is not a fresh tube on hand. "It makes a planner out of you in a hurry. You start going around with lists in your pocket so when you go into the city for groceries you take clothes to be cleaned, shoes to be mended, get haircuts, and pick up needles and thread, books from the library and toys for the children."

Running out of coffee or toothpaste are annoyances; running out of steel bars in the middle of fabricating a new catwalk high within The Lady's anatomy is a crisis. That is the kind of worry always lurking in the mind of George Benton, now heading into his tenth year as chief of maintenance. "We try to think six months ahead and to plan for what we will need then because we haven't got a hardware store we can duck into for something we forgot. And when it comes to big items that have to be barged in we have to figure on

a long lead time and complicated arrangements. Sometimes it also takes determined persuasion to convince suppliers we're not pranksters when we try to order materials for the Statue of Liberty."

Benton recalls what happened when he phoned an order to a company for the bars he needed to make the new catwalk. "Everything was fine until I gave the man the address. He chewed me out as a practical joker and hung up. I had to call him back, give him the Liberty number, and sweet-talk him into phoning me on it before I was able to convince him this was a legitimate order."

Whenever a ranger family moves to the island the company transporting its household goods undertakes an operation that leaves its van driver goggle-eyed. He must jockey his van through the congested Wall Street area to the waterfront where a crane-equipped barge lifts the entire rig to its deck. Then the barge is



"She says she's bilingual—  
Vietnamese and French."

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towed to the island where the van is lifted off and driven a hundred yards or so up the mall for off-loading of its contents. This sea-going delivery is a \$2,000 extra that always rates a story in the local papers.

One would suppose the water surrounding Liberty Island, as well as the nature of The Lady who is its chief inhabitant, would serve as barriers to the crime that is so worrisome on the mainland. Not so. Even here crime intrudes. So seven of the rangers, including Frank Mills who serves as chief of security, are commissioned law enforcement of-

ficers, armed and empowered to make arrests. Most of the offenders Mills and his men have to deal with are of the drunk, disorderly or pick-pocket variety. Occasionally a pleasure boater emboldened by liquor or marijuana docks at the island with the intention of making a night of it. If he is too high or too intractable to be shooed away peaceably, Mills issues a citation and calls in the New York harbor police to tow him off to settle matters with the judge.

"We groan every time there is a bombing in the city," Mills says, "because it usually means we will receive a bomb threat here within the next 24 hours. We get about a dozen calls a year claiming that a bomb has been placed on the island. We can't afford to assume the calls are hoaxes so we make an immediate and thorough search of every possible hiding place. We have never found a bomb, knock wood."

But at 7:05 on the evening of June 3, 1980, without a warning call to alert the island, a time bomb exploded in Liberty Museum at the top of the pedestal. At that hour the tourists had long departed. George Benton's maintenance men were working overtime but none were in the vicinity of the blast so there were no injuries, although almost \$18,000 of damage was done. The FBI investigated but was unable to pinpoint the bombers.

This was the first time The Lady had been bombed; it was not the first time she had been violated. On the same, sad day in November 1979, that militants stormed and captured the American Embassy in Teheran, a band of Iranian malcontents posing as tourists climbed to the top of the Statue of Liberty. Barring others from the platform, they proclaimed that they had "liberated" the shrine of liberty and intended to hold it, quite unconscious of the ironic contradiction of their words. It was a stand off for several tense hours before Dave Moffitt succeeded in talking them down and turning them over to the U.S. District Attorney's office to be sorted out.

But the rare lunacies of a bombing or an attempted take-over pass quickly—The Lady endures and life goes on normally on her little island. How normal that life is can be glimpsed when the day's last tourists have embarked on the ferry and the island's



five resident families become an oasis of small-town America nuzzled up against the nation's biggest city.

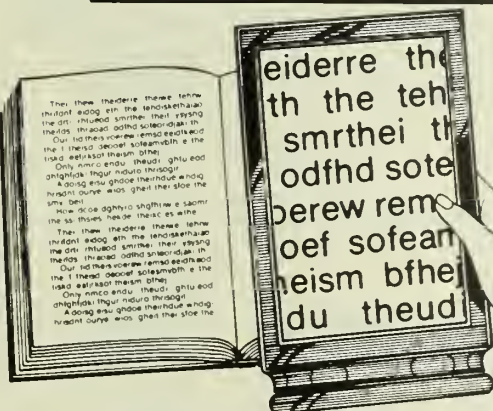
Her wavy, auburn hair finally released from the confinement of her Smokey the Bear hat, Christine Hoepfner, the only unmarried ranger living on the island, resumes her stitching on an unfinished piece of needlepoint or busies herself with another of her hobbies, photography. Young Mike Moffitt, his homework completed, flies his kite in the wind that never tires of skittering across the island. Mike's father, true to his training as a horticulturist, tends the vegetables elbowing each other for breathing space in his tiny garden plot. The Mills infant wriggles happily in her playpen while her five-year-old brother tries out the swing under his mother's watchful eye. Frank Mills casts a line from the seawall to match wits with the striped bass that swim just offshore. Later, perhaps, the men will barbecue ribs or chicken for all hands.

Living in each other's back pocket as they do, with the Statue of Liberty as their constant companion, has left its mark on the island's residents. It has made them more than neighbors and more than co-workers. They are a close-knit, mutually supportive community, considerate of each other's needs and wishes, cheerfully accommodating to each other's quirks and moods. The Lady who looms over them can appreciate that.

In the morning the aura of small-town America evaporates as the first visitors debark from the ferry and the day's bustle begins. Watching the tourists as they stream ashore— young and old, of every race, color and creed—it is clear that this tiny island in New York harbor is a special place that speaks to everyone everywhere in a special way.

As I watched the visitors move along the mall toward the Statue, I beheld an arresting sight that, for me, laid bare the essence of this place. An elderly couple walked along slowly, the fringe of a prayer shawl worn by devout Jews peeping from beneath the man's jacket. Only a few paces from them were two tourists wearing kiffeyah, the distinctive Arab headdress. This, I thought, this free and tranquil union of antagonists exemplifies the spirit, the hope and the promise of The Lady on Liberty Island. ■

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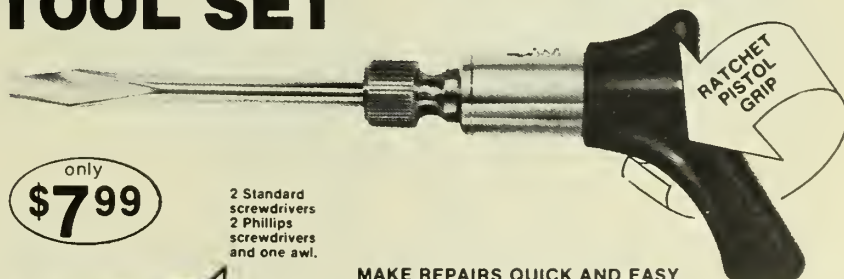
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## Return To Paradise

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with its stirring band music, massed flags, decorative floats and spirited marching units will, however, be much in evidence as Legionnaires step out along Kalakaua Avenue, Sunday, August 30 at 2 p.m.

Hawaii's climate is all you would expect—in the 70's in winter and the 80's in summer, with cool tradewind breezes. Hawaii's sun should be approached with care however, and hats are recommended for protection.

Your time in Hawaii will be a departure from the conservatism of the mainland. Enter into the island spirit by purchasing a colorful shirt or Muu Muu and some thong sandals. Beachcomber types may prefer to gravitate toward the popular bare feet bars, shaded oases just off the beach. Part of the fun is participating in the culture of this unique state, so cast aside your doubts and "go native" at least part of the time. Don't forget to bring a camera—the better to remember yourself as a tropical free spirit. Indeed, there will be much to recall, for each major island offers unforgettable memories.

The island of Oahu is the third largest of the chain. With an area of 608 square miles, it's home to 80 percent of the state's population, a rich racial mixture of island, Oriental and mainland groups. An excellent highway extends around the island, giving visitors nearly unlimited access to Oahu's varied landscape, fine beaches and historic sights. Some Legionnaires may want to drive inland to Schofield-Wheeler Air Base; others will want to tour the pineapple and sugar cane fields, and perhaps visit a sugar refining plant. Some may simply enjoy a day driving and stopping along the way, absorbing the sights and sounds of this island paradise.

Before leaving downtown Honolulu, however, visit a few highlights of Hawaii's metropolis. Iolani Palace is a magnificent structure and the only officially recognized royal palace in the United States, having been built in 1881 for King Kalakaua and Queen Kapiolani, just 17 years before the islands were annexed by the United States. Across the way from this 19th-century treasure stands Hawaii's new open-roofed State Capitol. The Aloha Tower offers a view of Honolulu's busy harbor, and the Kawaiahao Church, built around

1842, was the scene of many royal events during Hawaii's period of monarchy. Church services in Hawaiian and English are still held there each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Next door to the church is the Mission Houses Museum, which served as the center for the American Protestant Missionaries in Hawaii until 1896. Fort DeRussy, where the U.S. Army Museum is located, is just a short walk from most Waikiki hotels.

Legionnaires will also want to stop at the Punchbowl, officially the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, a 112-acre volcanic crater that is the burial site for U.S. servicemen who gave their lives in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. It is about six miles from Waikiki Beach. In this area too is the famous Nuuanu Pali Outlook, with its exquisite view, and the Bishop Museum, noted for its outstanding collection of Hawaiian and Polynesian antiquities. Those interested in viewing a mixture of European, Oriental and Hawaiian art should stop also at the Honolulu Academy of Arts.

A 14-mile drive out of Waikiki—in the opposite direction from Pali—will bring you to Pearl Harbor where, on December 7, 1941, Japan's sneak attack turned the quiet harbor into a hellish inferno. Here, the USS *Arizona* Memorial—which rises over the battleship *Arizona*—is an absolute must for any Legionnaire who has not had the moving experience of visiting it before.

These are just a few of Honolulu's tourist highlights, before leaving Oahu for the other Hawaiian islands.

Kauai, often said to be the loveliest of the Hawaiian islands, is one of the two islands nearest to Oahu. It was the setting for the movie "South Pacific" and the mythical Bali Hai. An island rich in natural beauty, it probably can claim fewer man-made sights than most of the other islands, so, if you desire to see Hawaii as nearly as it was before Western civilization encroached upon it, this is an island you should visit. Located 103 miles northwest of Oahu, it is a 25-minute plane hop from Honolulu.

The other island near Oahu is Molokai, only now emerging as a mecca for tourists. For many years the island was famous for the work of Belgian priest Father Joseph Damien who stayed at Kalaupapa, an

isolated peninsula on Molokai, caring for those with leprosy (Hansen's Disease). Since the disease has now been arrested with modern drugs, the colony has few patients.

For adventure seekers, there is a 90-minute mule trip down a 2,000-foot mountain trail to Kalaupapa, said to be an unforgettable experience. Today, the island is better known for its magnificent forests and waterfalls, an 800-acre animal preserve and its many royal fishponds.

To the southeast of Molokai is Lanai, smallest of Hawaii's six major islands. Little Lanai, as it is affectionately known, is a mere 146 square miles, but home to the world-famous Dole pineapple products. With some 15,000 acres under pineapple cultivation, Lanai is understandably nicknamed "Pineapple Island." While not an outstanding vacation center, the island does have a comfortable hotel, the Lanai Lodge, for those who want to see this side of Hawaiian life.

Maui is one of the great centers of tourism in the Hawaiian islands. Just a little nearer to Oahu than Kauai, but in a northeasterly direction, Maui can be reached by plane in about 25 minutes from Honolulu. Once there, you will want to see Lahaina, an early whaling port and the nearby resort of Kaanapali, known for its beaches. Going across the island to the east will bring you to Haleakala Crater, largest of its kind in the world and said to be big enough to hold New York's Manhattan Island. Once you reach the coast, you will want to drive in the area of the tiny town of Hana, focal point for some of the island's most exciting scenery.

Last is the Big Island, Hawaii. The two major arrival points for air travelers are Hilo and Kona, on opposite coasts. Depending on what you wish to see, you can select the airport which is nearest your destination. Hilo is the flower center; Kona, the coffee center.

Majestic Akaka Falls is near Hilo, and you can drive south from Hilo to the awe inspiring Kilauea Crater, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and then to the Black Sand Beach.

Landing at Kona, drive north to famous Parker Ranch, or south to see City of Refuge National Park, the monument to Captain Cook—killed



on this coast in 1779—and the Painted Church with its murals.

Returning from this island-hopping junket, you may be ready for some sophisticated dining and night life. You couldn't choose a better city than Honolulu. The Legion's headquarters hotel is a fine place to start, with its variety of dining rooms. Then venture afield.

Go for an evening sail aboard a trimaran sloop, conveniently located in front of most major hotels. The charge can range from \$6 to \$12 and, generally, cocktails are included in the sail charge. Afterward you might treat yourself to dinner at Michel's or Canlis', go to The Third Floor restaurant in the Hawaiian Regent Hotel, enjoy the elegance of Rex's, or the coziness of Harry's Bar in the Hyatt Regency Waikiki.

The Hanohano Room atop the Sheraton Waikiki offers a wonderful view and this hotel, as well as the Royal Hawaiian, holds a Luau, the traditional Hawaiian feast. If you're shopping at the International Market, step into Trader Vic's, with its lush tropical setting.

Many of these restaurants are within an easy walk of the Legion's headquarters hotel, while for those a bit farther away, pedicab rides at a nominal fee are available and worth trying for their novelty.

There are a wealth of shopping complexes in the Waikiki area: high fashion Hemmeter Center at the Hyatt Regency, Rainbow Bazaar at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, and distinctive King's Alley. Be forewarned, though, that all plants and leis must be packaged and stamped "approved for deportation" or you can't take them home.

In addition to dining and shopping excursions, it's not hard to find some memorable night life in Honolulu. Visit DBC's Dance Menagerie at the Waikiki Beachcomber or Le Boom Boom at the International Market Place—just two of many spots for fun in the Hawaiian tradition.

As always, there will be guided tours available, designed to satisfy whatever your particular interest may be.

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## Chemical Warfare

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first punch. These are terrible odds to face."

Guindon and his staff at Fort McClellan have a *mission* now; a few years ago they had a *mess*. In 1969 President Richard Nixon enunciated a policy of pursuing chemical disarmament with the Soviet Union. In the early 1970s the Army's Chemical School was placed in cold storage, "disestablished" in official jargon. The functions of the corps were broken up and spread throughout the service. In the process, our ability to defend against and counter geometrically increasing Soviet NBC forces suffered. Had it not been for the 1973 Arab-Israeli War, our chemical posture might still resemble that of a supine Rip Van Winkle.

During that fourth Arab-Israeli confrontation, captured Soviet-made Egyptian equipment was turned over to American intelligence experts for inspection. What they found was frightening: tanks and armored personnel carriers shielded against chemical and, to a lesser degree, nuclear attack. They could operate for long periods on a battlefield of Soviet design, a battlefield where death was as close as an ungloved hand in front of an unshielded face. At that time the United States had nothing to match those "buttoned-up" Soviet vehicles. We still haven't.

American chemical warfare planning emphasizes the individual: Soviet doctrine, the collective. It is, perhaps, because of this fundamental difference between the two superpowers that the United States holds the upper hand in at least one area: protective clothing. Ours is lighter, less cumbersome and easily adaptable to small unit tactics. Theirs is heavy, bulky, designed to be an extension of motorized cavalry.

American units in Western Europe have recently begun to train for progressively longer periods in new M-17-A-1 masks, charcoal impregnated jackets and pants, rubber gloves and boots. The idea is to get used to living and fighting in an environment designed to kill you.

What kind of training are American Chemical Corps cadres receiving? Certainly more chemical troops are being trained now than during the past few years, but what about the quality of their instruction?

Prior to the 1970s, Chemical Corps

NCOs learned just what a nerve agent could do when an odorless, colorless drop of the stuff was put into the eye of a creature dubbed "The Ninety Second Bunny." Impressions were horrifying, graphic and indelible. The gasping for breath, drooling, uncontrollable twitching and loss of all muscular control by the creature were permanently etched into the memories of the men who watched. "Ninety Second Bunnies" now exist only on film.

Prior to the 1970s, chemical troops underwent something called the blister confidence test. Three drops of liquid were placed in different spots on a trainee's forearm. The first spot had already been prepared with a decontaminant. The other two spots were unprepared. The trainee was given a kit and told to decontaminate one of the latter two spots. The liquid placed on the prepared area had no effect. The area decontaminated by the soldier himself remained normal. The third spot yielded a reddened pustule, mute evidence that throughout the ages mustard has been used for purposes other than spicing man's food. The blister confidence test is now a thing of the past, as is all live agent training.

Lt. Col. Rowland Holcomb went through the test in the mid-1960s. He is now the Chemical School's Deputy Assistant Commandant: "It (the test) not only gave me an appreciation for what mustard could do to me, but it also gave me a great respect for the decontaminants which were available." Why has the test been stopped? "I guess the Surgeon General, in his wisdom, says we should do nothing which would be damaging to the body. That may be the reason. I'm not sure."

Holcomb's Soviet counterparts are not so constrained. Intelligence figures indicate 13 of their chemical troops were actually killed last year while undergoing live agent training. There is little question the survivors of their program now possess a visceral appreciation of the possibilities of all-out chemical warfare.

United States chemical training is training done with mirrors. Simulations are employed in lieu of the real thing. As I participated in a blister decontamination class for officers, visions of pre-WW II cardboard tanks and wooden guns came to mind: once

you know the stuff placed on your arm is fake, the edge is gone, your breathing returns to normal, things are taken just a bit less seriously.

The Army may be on the verge of emerging from the regulation-induced torpor. Plans now call for a \$5 million positively pressurized containment building to be constructed at Fort McClellan by 1985. It is called the "Silverdome" and would permit indoor classes using real agents. Open air concrete pads are also envisioned. They would be used for live agent decontamination instruction. But hurdles still remain.

"I think our biggest roadblocks are going to be the OSHA (Occupational Health and Safety Administration) standards and environmental assessments as to what we're going to do with the decontaminants after training." The words are those of Capt. Marion Wimberly, Chief of the School's Chemical/Biological Division. "Money's probably not a hurdle. We're convinced we need the training. I think our biggest problem is going to be the OSHA standards." It would appear the Soviets have no such considerations.

Sverdlovsk is an industrial city 875 miles east of Moscow. Perhaps no starker contrast exists between Soviet and American NBC precautions than the story of what happened there in April 1979. Hundreds of people reportedly died of pulmonary anthrax following an explosion at a nearby super-secret military installation. Pulmonary anthrax is associated with germ warfare, something the United States has foresworn altogether. Both Washington and Moscow are signatories to a 1972 convention which bans the development of weapons which cause disease by spreading germs. In addition, both officially adhere to provisions of the 1925 Geneva Protocol banning first use of lethal or incapacitating chemical weapons. Last year the United States urged other nations to join in an international study of suspected use of poison gas and stockpiling of germ warfare agents—with good reason. There have been recent reports that Soviet forces have used chemical agents against nationalistic Afghan tribesmen in an attempt to finally snuff out remaining resistance to Moscow's scourging of that South-west Asian country.



In Southeast Asia the evidence is overwhelming that Pikalov's Soviet NBC forces have been involved, at the very least, in the production and distribution of chemical agents. It's part of a coordinated effort carried out by their North Vietnamese surrogates aimed, apparently, at annihilating the H'mong people of Laos, the same people who were among the United States' most loyal and effective allies during the Vietnam War. In a recent study, author Jane Hamilton-Merritt writes eloquently of red, yellow and blue-green "rains" which, over time, kill just as surely as the "showers" of Hitler's death camps. It seems Pikalov's men have been participants, not always indirectly, in a macabre kind of genocidal on-the-job training.

What are these weapons, these agents of nightmarish death?

The published chemical arsenal is broken down into six categories: nerve, blister, blood, choking, incapacitating and tear. The last two classifications are self-explanatory and not, in and of themselves, lethal.

The most exotic of the bunch are the nerve agents: GA, GB, GD and VX. The United States possesses VX, a persistent substance. It has great staying power and can render an enemy's territory contaminated for long periods. The Soviets have developed something called GD. It is perhaps the single most toxic substance ever produced.

A British researcher described the effects of sarin, or GB, this way: "One-tenth of an ounce (of sarin) dispersed in an aerosol in an average room would be sufficient to kill half the people who remained in that room breathing at the normal rate." As to just how death occurs, you might think back to the fate of the "Ninety Second Bunny."

Blister agents were first introduced into the hellishly moon-scaped battlefields of the First World War. Mustard, Arsenicals and Phosgene Oximes blister lung tissue, bleach exposed skin and blind unshielded eyes.

Blood agents include Hydrogen Cyanide and Cyanogen Chloride. Their effects range from respiratory stimulation to paralysis, convulsions and coma.

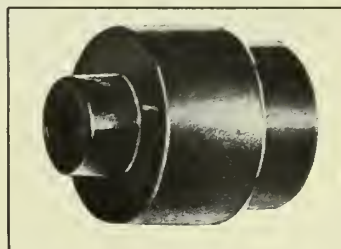
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Incapacitating chemicals, including LSD and BZ, don't actually kill, at least not directly. Instead, they produce physiological or mental effects which may persist for hours or days after contact. The unprotected unit exposed to these agents is rendered as combat effective as a bushel of turnips.

Because we're committed by treaty to a "no first use" policy, the United States' offensive employment of chemical weapons is limited to retaliatory response. As you might expect, this presents fundamental problems.

"When you're continually having to be on the defensive it's much, much more difficult to motivate people into winning. We have to do those things that we can to keep us from losing first." Gerald Watson is Commandant of the Army's Chemical School. As opposed to Colonel General Pikolav, America's highest ranking chemical commander is a brigadier general. It's a reflection not on Watson's skills or leadership (both of which are considerable) but on past priorities and neglected realities.

Watson says he is comfortable with the "no first use" doctrine but adds, "I believe that our true deterrent is going to fall in our retaliatory capability more so than in the defensive." In order to counterpunch effectively, both delivery systems and weapons have to be first rate. We're working on new prototypes of "buttoned-up" tanks, armored personnel carriers and helicopters. The future of these systems is promising. The same doesn't necessarily apply to the weapons themselves.

The United States' stockpile of chemical weapons is in trouble. Just recently it was disclosed that a significant number of mustard and nerve gas munitions stored at the massive Anniston Army depot in Alabama were literally rotting. The people who work at the facility call the munitions "leakers," a term which—despite official assurances of triple airtight seals around the chemicals themselves—falls short of inspiring public confidence in surrounding communities.

One way to prevent "leakers" is rapid development and deployment

of new, safer "binary" weapons. As things stand now, nerve agent components are premixed in individual munitions. All you have to do is load, arm and shoot. Binary munitions contain two agents of relatively low toxicity which combine in the projectile during its final trajectory to form a lethal nerve gas. Military considerations are matched by those of storage and transportation, both volatile issues of public interest. The derailment of a train carrying separately packaged binary munitions might easily be just another mishap; the derailment of a train transporting conventionally tooled nerve agent weapons could be a catastrophe.

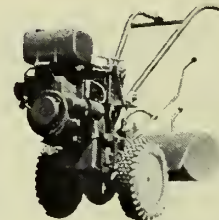
Supporters of binary weapons would like to see the Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas produce 155mm artillery rounds which contain the gas. Target date: late 1983 or early 1984. Later programs for new binary eight-inch rounds would follow. Finally, Pine Bluff would produce "Bigeye" aircraft—massive bombs being jointly developed for the Navy and Air Force. "Bigeyes" would be produced in 1986. It's estimated that preproduction costs for the three systems will run about \$185 million. The mandate for production would appear obvious, except to a number of lame ducks from the now defunct 96th Congress who were able to beat down the bulk of the funding for a comprehensive Pine Bluff buildup during the final days of the session. This, after it took the Carter Administration three years to request a modernization of our small, eminently unreliable stockpile.

Had this article been written a couple of years ago, the tone of our professional military men would have been one of despair. Now, however guardedly, things are changing. The old Congress is dead and with it perhaps the naiveté of the past decade. Despite the obstacles ahead there is a spirit of purpose, of deadly serious mission which pervades the work of those at the Army's Chemical School. The once neglected stepchild now, at least, has billing on the program.

This article hasn't attempted to explore the morality of chemical warfare. It is a Dantesque vision rooted in the darkest of man's nightmares. Yet it is a prospect for which we must prepare. ■

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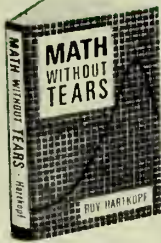
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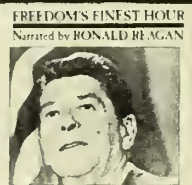


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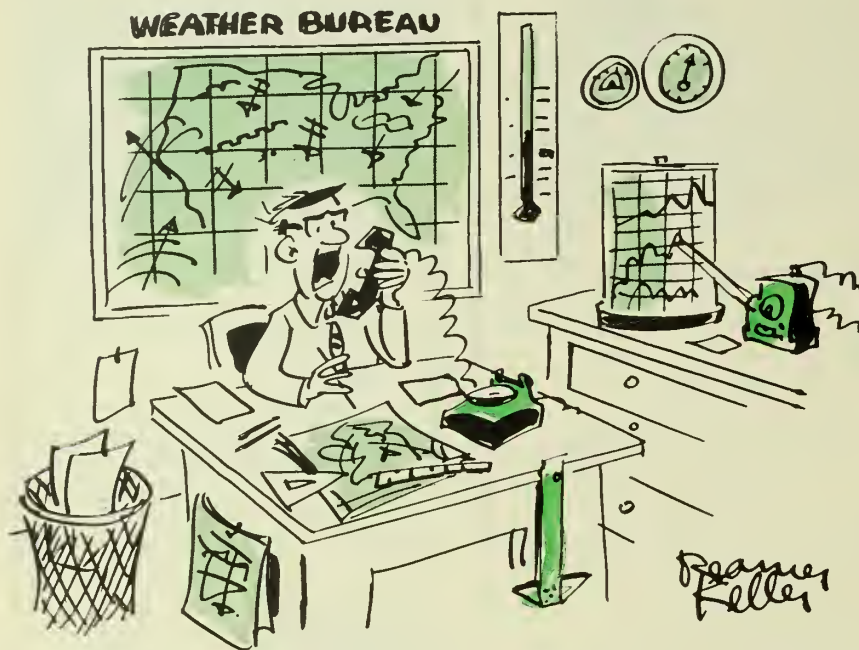
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—JENIFER WOODWARD

## Freud In Limbo

A young psychiatrist, haggard with the troubles of his patients, entered the elevator of a large hospital with an elderly but sprightly senior consultant. "How on earth do you remain so youthful, sir," sighed the younger man, "listening year after year to all those terrible complaints, anxieties and fears?"

The older man shrugged his shoulders, "Who listens?" he replied.

—MICHAEL FISK

## Shakespeare Updated

Who steals my purse  
Steals trash—  
Supermarket coupons—  
Not cash.

—MAY RICHSTONE

A highbrow is a person who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger.

—LOIS LARKEN

## Past Imperfect?

The pastor was rejoicing with a little old lady over one of her elderly relatives, who had finally seen the light and joined the church after a lifetime of riotous living.

When she wondered if all the oldster's carryings-on would be forgiven, the pastor assured her, "Yes, indeed, the greater the sinner, the greater the saint."

"Reverend," she mused wistfully, "I wish I had learned this 40 years ago."

—KARA WILLIAMS

Insanity is grounds for divorce in some states; grounds for marriage in all.

—BLAKELY JONES

## True Buddy . . .

A man who always ordered two martinis at once each time he went into the bar was asked by the bartender why he didn't just order a double. "Well, it's sentimental," the man explained. "A very dear friend of mine asked me just before he died to promise that when I drank that I would always have one for him, too. That's the reason I order two drinks instead of a double."

A week later the man returned to the bar and ordered one drink. "What about your departed buddy?" the bartender asked, "you only got one drink."

"That's true," the drinker replied, "but this is my buddy's drink. You see, I'm on the wagon."

—M. LAZARUS

Beware of the person who says he enjoys a cold shower in the morning. He'll lie about other things, too.

—GEORGE E. BERGMAN

It's better to sit tight than to attempt to drive in that condition.

—HOWARD JAMES



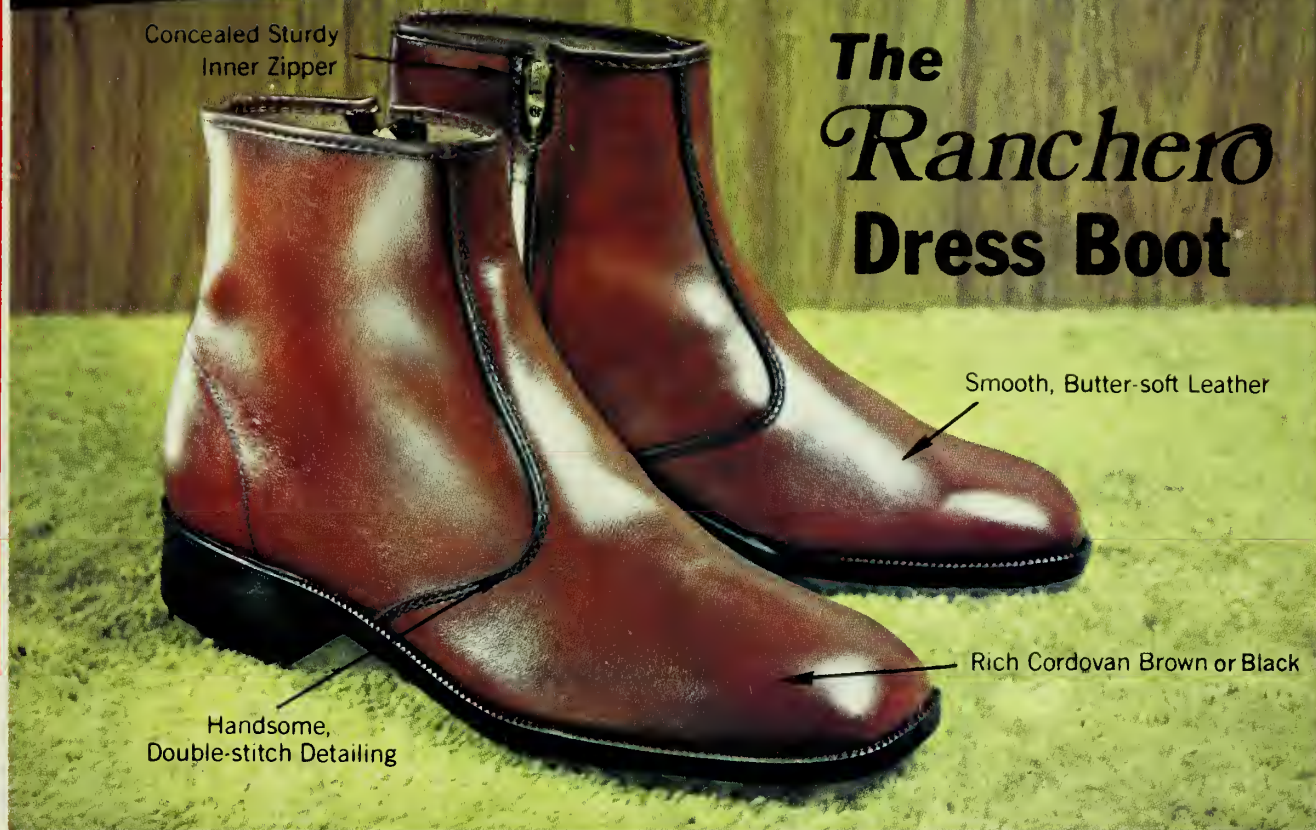
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